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CRESTWOOD ADVISER



Water Rates Feel The Domino Effect

From Chicago to Alsip and finally to our Crestwood residents and businesses, there will be a water rate increase in 2014. The City of Chicago has advised municipal water customers that a water rate increase was passed in a Chicago City Council board meeting in November 2013. Once again Chicago will up its charge another 15% for water going to Alsip, Illinois. Crestwood has an agreement to purchase Lake Michigan water from Alsip.

Chicago officials claim that the increase will be used to invest in its infrastructure, including water purification plants and water pumping stations. Officials also said their aim is to accelerate an ongoing program to replace water mains which have exceeded their 100 year useful life, including feeder mains. The goal of improvements is to provide a more robust, reliable and efficient system.

This latest increase means that over the past 4 years, Chicago has raised the price for its water over 50%. Since Crestwood purchases its water from the Village of Alsip, the village was also

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CUP O' LOU

The Mayor is looking to meet with residents at various locations on a regular basis. The first meet-up will take place at the Biela Center on Thursday, February 27th from noon-2pm. Bring your concerns; we will bring the coffee. March meet-up will be at a different location and time to be determined.



MAYOR LOU'S UPDATE on the Crestwood TIF

I want to give you a current update on the status of the 135th & Cicero tax increment financing district (TIF). This TIF was set up in 2002 and, by statute, must be completed by 2024. In 2004 the Village issued \$34,740,000 in bonds to finance the project. At the time, the Village had an eligibility study done which projected that the sales tax and real estate taxes in the TIF would be sufficient to repay the bonds. That projection was made prior to the downturn in the economy and to date, those projections have not been met.

Currently, bonds are to be repaid at the rate of \$1,690,000 per year with a final payment on December 1, 2023 of \$15,150,000. The budget for fiscal year 2014 projects a deficit for this fund of \$674,000.00. This means that the expenditures for the current year, including the debt repayment, exceed the revenues. The Fund currently has over \$5 million in cash and this will be used to offset the deficit. However, this will not be enough to repay the debt by December 1, 2023. Current projections estimate that the Village would have to use some of its sales tax money outside the TIF district to repay the debt. The amount of the additional sales tax that the Village needs to pay into the TIF Fund is estimated to be a maximum of \$10,000,000, which amounts to about an additional \$900,000

per year. This amount is just a projection and is dependent on a number of factors such as the future variable rate of interest on the bonds.

Based on the financial analysis outlined above, it has become necessary to request an extension of the TIF from the Illinois General Assembly for an additional twelve years. This extension would help the Village in two ways. First, the Village could eliminate the balloon payment of \$15,150,000 that would become due in 2023. Secondly, the Village could negotiate a fixed interest rate and remove the financial uncertainties associated with the current variable interest rate. This is an important factor because many economists are predicting a rise in the inflation rate, which would increase our interest rates under the current variable interest financing agreement.

Even though the extension is for an additional twelve years, the Village anticipates either the loan would be repaid prior to the twelve year period or, as an alternative, the Village would be able to rebate some money to the other taxing bodies on an annual basis. Once the debt is repaid, the TIF would be permanently terminated.

I am always available to any Village resident or business owner who has questions about the administration of the Village and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the TIF and our current effort to extend the term. Please feel free to call me or send me an email.

In the Works...

- Mayor Presta applied for an initiative with Cook County Forest Preserve District to create a bike trail that connects with Arrowhead Trail, supported by Commissioner Joan Murphy.
- Currently working with MWRD engineers on erosion and debris problems with Laramie Creek.
- Plans for drainage to address the flooding problems at 135th.
- Addressing the possibility of a retention pond at Turnpike and Lavergne
- Adding sidewalks from 135th and Cicero to Lawler for Safe Routes to School State Program
- Painting and repairs in Rec Center
- Refinishing of pool decking in the early Spring



Village Hall

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Phone. 708.371.4800

Be sure to visit the Village website at:
www.Villageofcrestwoodil.gov

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The Crestwood Adviser is dedicated to presenting as much as it can about the Village of Crestwood so that the community can have the information it needs to strengthen and enrich the community of Crestwood.

Our goal is to report the news as fully, fairly and as accurately as possible. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged, by phone or in writing, whether or not you wish such letters to be published.

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | February 6th and 20th

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | February 4th and 18th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:00pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | February 10th and 24th

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | February 4th and 18th

WINTER PARKING RULES

Please remember WINTER PARKING RULES are in Full effect. It is unlawful to park any vehicle for a period of time longer than three mintues for loading and unloading passengers or 30 mintues for loading and unloading of property in any place, at any time after snow begins to fall and for a period of eight hours after snow stops falling, if the snow on the street exceeds two inches in depth; providing that, the eight hour parking restriction shall continue during snow removal operations until completed.

Vehicle Registration



Vehicle stickers are required on all vehicles in the Village of

Crestwood and must be properly displayed by law on cars, trucks, and motorcycles by March 1st. You should receive a preprinted vehicle sticker renewal form in the mail. Simply read the renewal form, make any necessary changes, and mail in or bring into the Village Hall to obtain your sticker. Only CASH or CHECK is accepted.

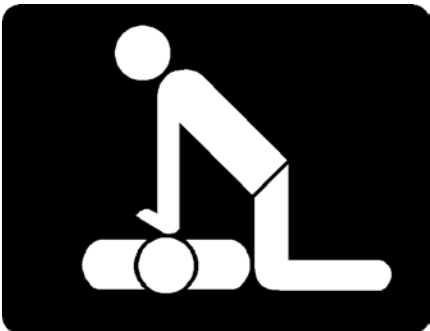
Schedule of Fees is as follows:

Late Payment Fee of \$5.00 Applied after 2/28/14

Passenger Cars.....	\$5.00
Recreational Vehicles (RV Plates).....	\$5.00
Motorcycles, Mopeds & Scooters.....	\$3.00
School Bus Class A.....	\$15.00
Class B.....	\$25.00
Trucks B.....	\$10.00
D-F.....	\$15.00
All Other Classifications.....	\$25.00

New residents and new vehicle purchases have a 30 day grace period in which to purchase the vehicle sticker. In addition, if you purchase a new vehicle, you must transfer your vehicle sticker immediately. The fee for the vehicle sticker transfer is \$1.00. Senior citizens (65 and older) are entitled to two free stickers per family, per year; however, you are required to register.

Crestwood Fire Department 2014 CPR Classes



Village Hall
13840 S. Cicero Ave
6:00-10:00 pm

February 5th
March 5th
April 3rd
June 3rd
August 5th
September 4th
October 1st
December 3rd

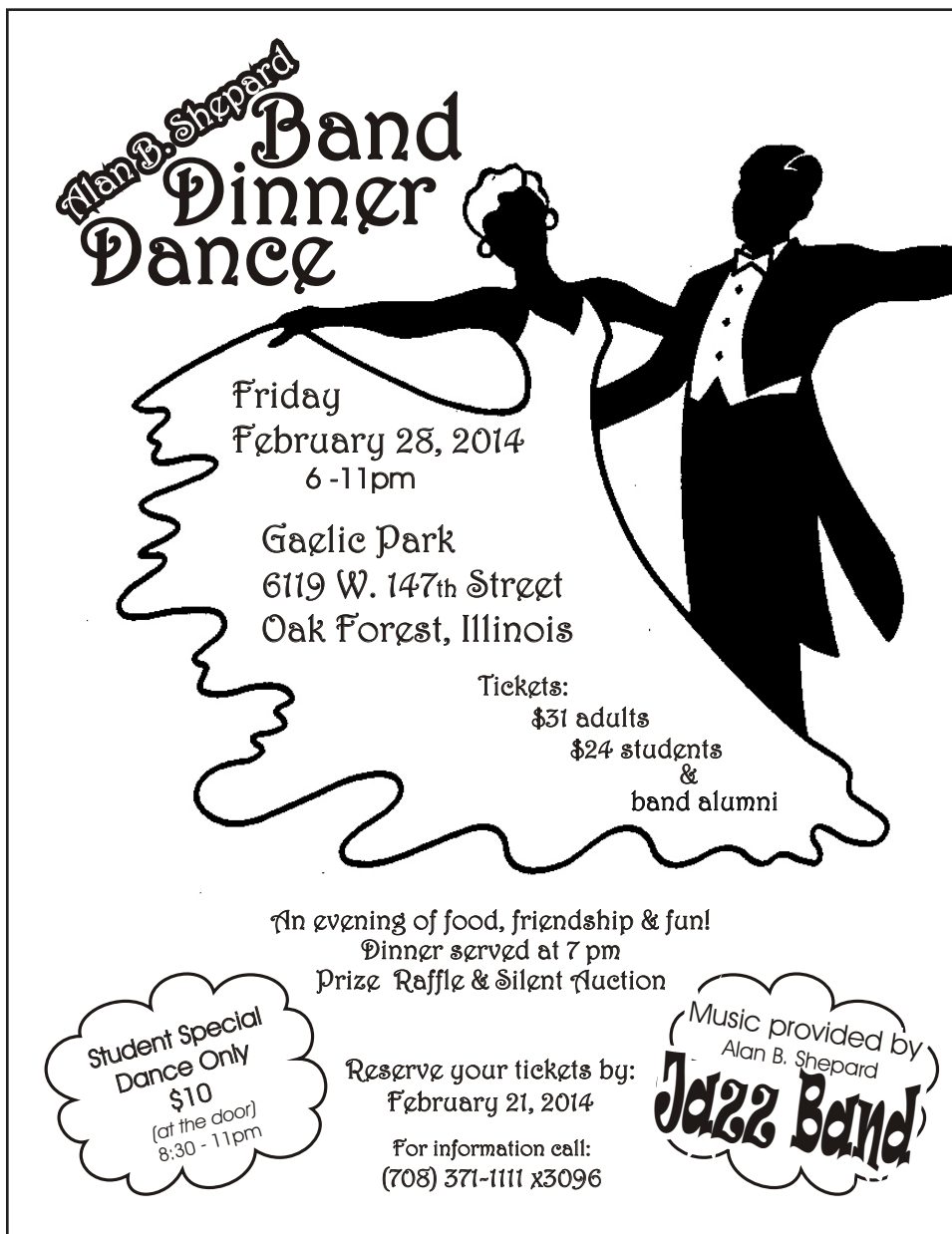
Healthcare Provider
Heartsaver AED
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Cost:
Healthcare Provider
Resident \$35.00
Non-resident \$45.00

Heartsaver
Resident \$25.00
Non-resident \$35.00

All students must be registered with village hall prior to day of class.
Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Bill Nyhanna-CPR Coordinator 708-371-4805 bill@nyhanna.net



Alan B. Shepard Band Dinner Dance

Friday
February 28, 2014
6 - 11pm

Gaglie Park
6119 W. 147th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois

Tickets:
\$31 adults
\$24 students & band alumni

An evening of food, friendship & fun!
Dinner served at 7 pm
Prize Raffle & Silent Auction

Student Special
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\$10
(at the door)
8:30 - 11pm

Reserve your tickets by:
February 21, 2014

For information call:
(708) 371-1111 x3096

Music provided by
Alan B. Shepard
Jazz Band



Let's Do Something Crazy Together

Crestwood Copsicles Want You!!!

This is the 5th year in a row that Crestwood police officers have formed the "Crestwood Copsicles" and have taken part in the annual polar plunge to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics.

In 2013, 60 people joined the team, raised \$35,624.00, and took the plunge. This year we need your help. You do not need to be a police officer to be on our team. We can assist you in starting your own fundraising page, then you ask friends and family to sponsor you. Each person taking the plunge must raise a minimum of \$75.00. It is such an awesome event for such an awesome organization. Let's all show our community spirit and take the plunge together.

This year the polar plunge at Lake Manteno will be on March 1st and the plunging starts at noon.

If you would like to register for the plunge:

1. Go to www.plungeillinois.com
2. Scroll down to the "How to Register" and click on the "Register on Firstgiving", which will direct you to the secure online registration and fundraising website.
3. Once at the Firstgiving Polar Plunge Registration Page, Click on "Start Fundraising".
4. At the next page, you will be prompted to choose your event/plunge location. Select "2014 Polar Plunge Manteno."
5. Select Register - and follow steps
6. Under "Select Registration Type, Change quantity to "1"
7. When asked to join a team, Click on "Show All Teams" and scroll down and select "CRESTWOOD COPSICLES" and continue to follow instructions.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Detective Soderlund at **708-371-4800** or csoderlund@crestwood.illinois.gov.

VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

THE VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Dear Crestwood Residents,

During the Spring of 2014, we will be delivering to the homeowners of the Village of Crestwood a new 95 gallon totter for their recyclables.

We do however realize that this size totter may not work for every family. We also realize that as your recycling volume increases your trash volume will decrease. When we deliver these totters there will be a package of information attached to the new totters that will give instructions if you need to change the size of either the existing trash or the new recycling totter.

Recycling service for homeowners will be provided on an every other week basis, the every other week maps and service information will be attached to the totters at delivery, and will be posted on the Village of Crestwood web site.

The materials that you will be able to recycle are:

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS

Magazines	LDPE Plastics
Newspaper	Glass
Cardboard	Aluminum & Tin
Chipboard	Bi-metal materials
Office Paper	PET Plastics
Telephone Books	HDPE Plastics

PLEASE NOTE: The 95-gallon carts for recycling should not contain yard waste or trash.

Acceptable items on this list will continue to change as commodity markets change. We will keep you informed as changes occur.

Please understand that no other areas of your service will be changing.

Your existing service day will remain the same the Holiday Service schedule will remain the same, and the spring bulk pick will also remain the same.

For those residents that live in multi-unit condo or apt buildings we will have drop boxes at various locations for you to place your recyclables. The first drop boxes were delivered to the Village Rec Center and the Civic Center on Oct 1st.

We appreciate the opportunity to service the residents of Crestwood.



Allied Waste Services
708-385-8252

Toter.services@republicservices.com



Building Permits

As the weather breaks so do home projects for many. It often annoys nearby residents with its noise and dust, but remember seeing increased construction is a good sign the economy is on an upswing. Before starting a project, please be sure to obtain your proper permit. The Village enforces the provisions of all adopted codes and issues permits for all building activities from decks, pools and driveways to new commercial, existing commercial and residential buildings. The issuance of permits includes the review of all plans and specifications for Village code compliance as well as the inspection of all phases of construction to assure that building and fire regulations are being met to protect the safety, health, and welfare of residents. In addition, the Building Department, along with the Fire District, conducts annual business life safety inspections. The department maintains records of all building-related issues, as well as responds to questions on drainage and/or concerns presented by builders, attorneys, engineers, and citizens. Most residential building permit applications are processed in approximately one to four weeks, depending on the volume of applications; commercial and industrial building permit reviews may take longer depending on the scope of review. The cost of each permit varies.



EXPECTATIONS

Maintaining high quality business relationships with designers, builders, owners, and tenants, while meeting Village building construction safety expectations, is an important aspect of the Building Permits and Inspections Program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Building permit applications are available at the Village Hall. Permit applications must be filled out on an original form and may not be faxed or emailed.

Building permits are required for all new construction and most home improvements including demolition and the following new and replacement projects:

ADDITION

- Accessibility ramp
- Deck and Covered Porch/Patio (including repairs to existing decks)
- Driveway resurfacing
- Electrical
- Fences
- Fire Suppression or Detection System
- Garage
- HVAC
- Interior remodel (except for tile, cabinets, carpet, paint, fixture replacement)

- Paving-Concrete/Asphalt/Paver Brick
- Plumbing
- Windows
- Siding, Roofing, Soffit/Fascia, Gutter
- Satellite Dish (over 6' in

- diameter)
- Shed
- Sign, temporary
- Sign, permanent
- Swimming Pool and Hot Tub, permanent or temporary
- Underground Storage Tank (removal and installation)
- Water/Sewer Repair
- Water/Sewer Connection

For complete details, or if you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, contact the Village Hall at (708) 371-4800.

DUMPSTERS

Only licensed scavenger services are permitted to deliver and remove roll-off dumpsters and their contents from private property in the Village. There is a list of current licensed scavengers on the Village website: www.villageofcrestwoodil.gov

INSPECTIONS

Inspections are required for all construction requiring a building permit before the work is covered. To schedule an inspection, contact the Building Department at (708) 371-4800 at least 24 hours in advance of when the inspection is needed.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

All contractors performing work in the Village must be currently registered. Registrations must be renewed annually. If you are a contractor and unsure if you renewed your permit for the current year please contact Village Hall at 708 371-4800.

LEGAL NOTICE

Invitation to BID

Invitation is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Crestwood, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) 2014 Utility Police Interceptor Vehicles be given. Specifications are available at the Clerk’s Office, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Said bids will be received up to the hour of 12:00 noon of the 13th day of February, 2014 at the office of the Village Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened on the above date at 1:00 pm. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any technicalities.

Ten (10) Year Status Report

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2014 a public hearing will be held at 8:00 pm at the Village of Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 S. Kostner Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois regarding the Village of Crestwood Ten (10) Year Status Report for the 135th & Cicero TIF Project, as required in the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended (65ILCS5/11-74-4-1 et seq)(the “Act”).

The following documents concerning the subject matter of the hearing are available for public inspection and review on the Village of Crestwood website at www.villageofcrestwoodil.gov and Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm commencing on January 23, 2014 at the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois at the Village Clerk’s Office.

Tax Increment Financing Ten (10) Year Status Report for the Fiscal Year 2003-Fiscal Year 2013.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the Village Board Meeting and are invited to submit comments concerning the subject matter thereof prior to the date of the hearing to the following address:

Bill Graffeo TIF Administrator
Village of Crestwood
Crestwood, Illinois 60445

For further information, please contact **Bill Graffeo** at the Village of Crestwood at **708-371-4800** between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

Invitation is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Crestwood, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids for the purchase of a new Telephone System be given. Specifications are available at the Clerk’s Office, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Said bids will be received up to the hour of 12:00 noon on the 13th of February, 2014 at the office of the Village Clerk. Bids will publicly be opened on the above date at 1:30 p.m. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any technicalities.

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Water Rates Feel The Domino Effect Continued

assessed an annual increase for operational maintenance of \$0.43 per 1,000 gallons from Alsip's water department. Because of these two increases, Crestwood residents' first water bill of 2014 will reflect an increase in water rates.

The new water rate for Crestwood users will be \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons. There will also be increases to sewer services to all users with the quarterly sewer charge for Single Family users increasing by \$2.50 per quarter to \$10.00.

Since water leaks don't always surface, the telltale sign to look for is ground areas that remain very soft and green or never dry out during periods of little or no precipitation. You may also notice the sound of water running in our sewers when there has been no rain to account for this flowage. Only Village of Crestwood personnel have access to the fire hydrants. If you see any other private individual or company taking water from a hydrant, please notify our police department immediately. We need your help to prevent a loss of unmetered water.

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Life-long Crestwood Resident

Tax Levy Ordinance Village of Crestwood For the fiscal year beginning 5.1.13 and Ending 4.30.14 Ordinance No. 2136

An ordinance levying taxes for corporate and stated purpose for the current fiscal year beginning on the first day of May, 2013 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2014

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Crestwood, Cook County, State of Illinois that:

A tax for the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Village be, and the same is hereby, levied for the purpose specified against all taxable property in the Village for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May, 2013 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2014.

I. Corporate fund, from general corporate taxes, corporate personal property replacement taxes and other revenues.

A. General Administration	APPROPRIATED
1. Salary of Village Mayor	\$6,000.00
2. Salaries of Village Trustees (6)	\$14,400.00
3. Salary of Village Clerk	\$4,000.00
4. Salary of Village Treasurer	\$20,400.00
5. Salary of Village Services Director, portion attributable to general administration (balance of \$5,000 in water fund)	\$79,500.00
6. Salaries of Office personnel	\$119,100.00
7. Expenses of Plan Commission	\$1,800.00
8. Expenses of Zoning Board of Appeals	\$500.00
9. Accounting Services	\$36,000.00
10. Membership dues and expenses	\$7,500.00
11. Office equipment purchases	\$2,000.00
12. Office equipment rental & maintenance	\$5,000.00
13. Physicals	\$ 200.00
14. Legal Notice Publication	\$6,000.00
15. Contingencies	\$7,000.00
16. Office Supplies	\$25,000.00
17. Postage	\$23,000.00
18. Printing	\$42,000.00
19. Recording Costs	\$1,000.00
20. Telephone maintenance	\$15,000.00
21. Uniforms	\$2,500.00
22. Vehicle and dog tag purchases	\$5,000.00
23. Gas and Oil	\$5,200.00
24. Municipal events – expense and promotion	\$14,000.00

	APPROPRIATED
25. Testimonials and plaques	\$3,000.00
26. Corporate engineering	\$8,000.00
27. Flags and decorations	\$5,000.00
28. Retirement Program – Full-time employees	\$48,000.00
29. Bank Charges	\$4,000.00
30. Contractual Services	\$50,000.00
Total:	\$560,100.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of General Administration from the non-general corporate tax income of the Village, including the corporate personal property tax, as provided by law.

Total:	\$560,100.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of General Administration s provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$358,100.00
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B. Police Department	APPROPRIATED
1. Salary of police chief	\$70,000.00
2. Salary of administrative officers	\$12,000.00
3. Salary of patrolmen	\$ 96,000.00
4. Salaries of part-time community service, public safety and police officers	\$946,000.00
5. Juvenile Officer	\$3,600.00

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Treasure Chest Foundation



The Treasure Chest Foundation Board of Directors and I would like to thank you for your most generous gift of toys during the 9th annual "Remembering Cathy and Alison" Holiday Toy Drive to benefit the Treasure Chest Foundation. Your holiday donation is so very much appreciated and will directly benefit children and teens undergoing painful procedures at each of the 45 Children's Cancer Treatment Centers across 16 states where we have established Treasure Chest Programs.

The holidays become a wonderful time of year when caring people like you find ways to translate overwhelming generosity into meaningful actions. We are grateful that you have chosen to help the Treasure Chest Foundation and the brave children battling cancer. Your donation helps make the dream of providing gifts to these children and teens a reality, and for that we are most thankful.

As the Treasure Chest Foundation pursues its mission of providing comfort to childhood cancer patients, your continued support is needed now more than ever in order to keep the Treasure Chests full for these precious children and teens. It's people like you who make the world a better place.

Thank you for making Christmas a year-round state of mind. May God bless you throughout the coming year.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Colleen M. Kisel
Founder and CEO



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THE ELKS BINGO THURSDAY NIGHTS

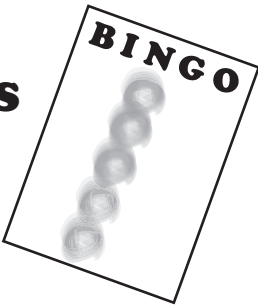
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Regular Bingo at 7:00 p.m.
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Crestwood, IL 60445
(708) 371-4810

TAKE A MOMENT!

The Village Board is considering extending our Rec and Wellness hours on Saturday and Sunday during the winter months. Please take a moment to visit the village website to take a survey. As always, you are welcome to leave a message with the Clerk's office if you are not online.

NO LIMIT BOOT CAMP

Are you looking to take your workout to the next level?

Try our No Limit Boot Camp Class. Open to all levels of fitness, 18 years and older. Exercises can be modified to anyone's fitness level. If you are looking to increase endurance, get lean, increase energy, and increase athletic performance, then come to our No Limit Boot Camp Class.



Mondays & Wednesdays
7:00 to 8:00 PM



Join us every Monday & Wednesday evening
for the No Limit Boot Camp class at the CRWC.



PURCHASE A PUNCH CARD

Residents: 10 classes for \$60.00

Non-Residents: 10 classes for \$70.00

Drop-In Rate: \$8.00 per class (Resident/Non-Resident)



Boot Camp Instructors:

Mike Brady and Dan Tello,
Certified Personal Trainers

You do not need to be a member to
purchase a punch card or take a class.

www.CrestwoodFitness.com

Winter 2014 Kids Indoor Soccer League



4 and 5 year olds (co-ed)



- **League dates: (4 and 5 year olds, boys & girls)** March 11 - April 15, 2014
- **Practice/Games:** 2 practices and 4 games on Tuesdays. Games begin at 5:15 PM.
- **Cost:** \$58 Resident / \$63 Non-Resident (includes a team shirt & medal)
- **Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, February 5th (or earlier if we meet the max # of players)
- **Volunteer coaches are needed.** Let us know if you're interested.
- All games are played at the Crestwood Rec Center, 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL.
- **Questions:** Call the CRWC at 708-371-4810 and ask for Joe.

Don't Wait—Register now before the league reaches max # of players.

For more information on memberships, programs and activities, call us at 708-371-4810
log on to our website, www.CrestwoodFitness.com or find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/CRWC1

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Tuesday & Thursday – 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Certified Instructor, Diana Esparza

Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

5331 West 135th Street, Crestwood

708-371-4810

www.crestwoodfitness.com



Zumba Fitness 2014

Classes are held every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday at 6:30pm

\$8 to drop-in (discounted 10 class punch cards also available)

All classes taught by Lynn Kata licensed Zumba® Instructor
Like Lynn at [facebook.com/lynnkatazumba](https://www.facebook.com/lynnkatazumba)



5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445

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www.CrestwoodFitness.com

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Fitness Center Hours

Monday—Thursday
5:30 AM—10:00 PM

Friday
5:30 AM—8:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday
7:00 AM—5:00 PM

Pool Hours

Monday—Thursday
5:30 AM—9:00 PM

Friday
5:30 AM—7:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday
7:15 AM—4:00 PM

ALL INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims, water fitness classes), whirlpool, fitness center, group exercise classes, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents	Non—Residents
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<u>Individual</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Annual \$280	Annual \$360
6 months \$190	6 months \$255
Monthly \$33	Monthly \$45

<u>Seniors (65+)</u>	<u>Seniors (65+)</u>
Annual \$195	Annual \$245
6 months \$175	6 months \$235
Monthly \$33	Monthly \$45

www.CrestwoodFitness.com

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the fitness center, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents	Non—Residents
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<u>Individual</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Annual \$200	Annual \$280
6 months \$115	6 months \$190
Monthly \$20	Monthly \$33

<u>Seniors (65+)</u>	<u>Seniors (65+)</u>
Annual \$145	Annual \$195
6 months \$115	6 months \$190
Monthly \$20	Monthly \$33

AQUATIC MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims), whirlpool, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents	Non—Residents
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<u>Individual</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Annual \$190	Annual \$265
6 months \$115	6 months \$190
Monthly \$20	Monthly \$33

<u>Seniors (65+)</u>	<u>Seniors (65+)</u>
Annual \$125	Annual \$175
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Monthly \$20	Monthly \$33

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Biela Center Senior Fitness Class

On December 16th the Senior Fitness Class enjoyed a potluck luncheon to celebrate Christmas!!!

Bremen Township Senior Wheels

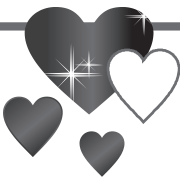
Attention Seniors: Do you need a ride? Then let Bremen Township Senior Wheels pick you up. We will take you to the doctor, grocery store, beauty shop, visit a friend, etc. We stay in the Bremen Township boundaries for non-medical and outside the Township for medical appointments only. The boundary lines are located on the map. See our website. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our first ride is scheduled at 8:30 every morning and our last pickup to come home is at 3:00. The charge of the ride is \$2.00 each way or you may purchase a ride ticket from one of our drivers for \$16.00 for a 10 ride ticket. We hope you give us a call, and we are here when you need us. Our phone number is (708) 687-8220.

Village & Biela Center Happenings

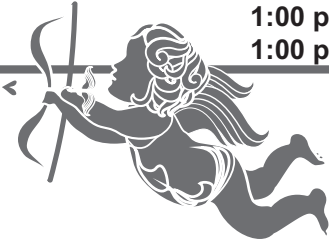
Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more Information
708-371-4860

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	4 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	5 12:30 a.m. Crestwood Seniors 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	6 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	7 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
10 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	11 11:00 a.m. Valentine Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	12 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	13 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	14 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
17 <i>PRESIDENTS DAY - CLOSED</i>	18 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	19 12:30 a.m. Crestwood Seniors 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	20 <i>Grand Victoria Casino - 9am</i> 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	21 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
24 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	25 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	26 <i>Blood Pressure Hearing - 9:30am</i> 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	27 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	28 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie



FEBRUARY 2014



Look What’s Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Tuesday, February 4	Beef Sandwich
Friday, February 7	Turkey Sandwich
Tuesday, February 11	Valentine Luncheon (\$8)
Friday, February 14	Brats on a Bun
Tuesday, February 18	Pizza & Salad
Friday, February 21	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, February 25	Italian Sausage
Friday, February 28	Hamburgers

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$3.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 5 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

February 3-7	“Harry Potter” - chamber of secrets
February 10-14	“The Heartbreak Kid”
February 18-21	“Cabaret”
February 24-28	“Flicka”

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!



Majestic Star Casino

Join us on a gambling trip to the Majestic Star Casino in Gary, Indiana. The trip includes transportation, buffet and \$10 Per person.

When: Thursday, April 24th
Depart: 9 a.m. – return 3 p.m.
Cost: \$27

Grand Victoria Casino

Join us fan a day of gambling in Elgin at the Grand Victoria Casino!!!!!!

When: Thursday, February 20th
Depart: 9 a.m. – return 4 p.m.
Cost: \$27 (Includes buffet)

Call to make your reservations NOW!!! This trip will fill up fast.



Blue Chip Casino

Enjoy a beautiful spring day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes four hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 of E-play after 1,000 points.

When: Wednesday, March 26
Depart: 9 a.m. ; return 4 p.m.
Cost: \$28

Trips for "2014"

Patty Waszak Show
Dynamic SINGER!!! HILARIOUS COMEDIENNE!!!
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Join us for lunch and show at the White Fence Farm. Menu choice of the "World's Greatest Chicken" or scrumptious Fried Shrimp.

When: Thursday, May 15th
Time: Depart 10:00 am; return 4:00 pm
Cost: \$62.00

"Miracle on South Division Street"
A warm, funny comedy about a New York family that have kept a shrine since the day the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barber shop. Expect the unexpected as long buried family secrets are revealed.

When: Wednesday, May 28
Where: The Theatre at the Center in Munster
Time: Depart 11:00 am
Cost: \$72 (includes lunch-choice of Roasted Chicken or Baked Ham)

Dates and times and costs will be posted in the Crestwood Adviser

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents.

Consider joining a fun
Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385–7760.

"Ring of Fire" Johnny Cash

A unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. Includes more than two dozen Johnny Cash hits, Promises to be foot-stompin', crowd-pleasin' salute to a uniquely American legend.

When: Thursday, March 20th
Where: Theatre at the Center
Munster, Indiana
Time: Depart - 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$72 (includes lunch-choice of Baked Cod of Grilled Lemon Chicken)

Rules of the Road Here on March 10th

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver's license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, March 10th, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.



Senior Valentine Party February 11th

When: Tuesday, February 11th
Time: Appetizers at 11:00am Lunch at noon
Cost: \$8.00

Bingo will be played after lunch for those attending the party

Reservations requested by February 7th.



"All I ask for in a man is kindness and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?"

— **Zsa Zsa Gabor**

Reminder:

Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.

ATTENTION!!!

Pneumonia and Shingles shots will be available at the Biela Center on March 13th. The pharmacists from Walgreens in Crestwood will administer the shots between 9:00am and 10:30 am. No appointments are necessary.

Pneumonia shots are free to qualified Medicare Part B recipients. Cash customers will pay \$94.99. The Cost of the Shingles shot is based on your insurance plan. For information call the Biela Center at **371-4860**.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON FEB. 26th

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, FEB. 26th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON FEB. 26th

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, FEB. 26th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for seniors only.



Groundhog Day: FACTS

By the time you read this, chances are we already have our weather prediction from Groundhog Day. But here are a few facts from The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club’s website that you probably didn’t know.

www.groundhog.org

1. Yes, Punxsutawney Phil is the only true weather forecasting groundhog. The others are just imposters.
2. There has been only one Punxsutawney Phil. Punxsutawney Phil gets his longevity from drinking "groundhog punch" (a secret recipe). One sip, which is administered every summer at the Groundhog Picnic, gives him seven more years of life.
3. On February 2nd, Phil comes out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob, in front of thousands of faithful followers from all over the world, to predict the weather for the rest of the winter.
4. According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.
5. No, Punxsutawney Phil's forecasts are not made in advance by the Inner Circle. After Phil emerges from his burrow on February 2nd, he speaks to the Groundhog Club President in Groundhogese. His proclamation is then translated for the world.
6. The celebration of Groundhog Day began with the Germans, Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May...".The settlers found that groundhogs were plentiful and were the most intelligent and sensible animal to carry on the legend of Candlemas Day.
7. Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800's. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2nd, 1887. In 2008, it will be the 122nd prediction.
8. So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

Valentines ... For the Birds!

During midwinter, when food is scarce for wildlife, why not show some love for backyard birds while decorating your yard for Valentine’s Day?



These cheerful decorations can be eaten by birds and are made with ingredients you may already have or can easily pick up at your local supermarket. Hang them up outside—it’s a great opportunity for bird-watching.

What you need:	1 ½ cups of oatmeal (instant is fine)	measuring cups
	1 cup vegetable shortening or suet	heart-shaped cookie cutter
	½ cup peanut butter	plate or shallow pan for birdseed
	1 ½ cups cream of wheat cereal, uncooked	any kind of string, ribbon, or yarn, cut into 12 inch lengths
	1 ½ cups corn meal	cookie sheet
	red food coloring (optional)	sunflower or other bird seed
	large bowl	chopstick or pencil
	mixing spoon	What You Do:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. **2.** Cook oatmeal according to package directions (microwave in large bowl). Add other ingredients in bowl, stirring first with spoon; you can use your hands when mixture gets too stiff. **3.** Sprinkle some flour on your working surface and on your hands. Take a tennis-ball sized handful of dough and place it on the floured surface. Flatten the dough to about ½-inch thick. Cut out as many heart shapes as you can. You can dip the hearts into a dish of birdseed to coat them or press seeds into the heart to create a design. **4.** Using a chopstick or pencil, make a hole through each heart (for where the string will go). **5.** Place hearts on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, until lightly brown. Cool on pan. **6.** When completely cool, tie strings through holes. Hang outdoors from trees or shrubs. **7.** See who comes to eat them! **National Wildlife Federation. www.nwf.org**

PLACES TO SLED



Dan Ryan Woods: The 200-foot-long slope at this hill is never overcrowded, and it's lit with a clearly marked path back to the top for repeat trips. 87th Street at Western Ave (800-870-3666,fpdcc.com). 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Soldier Field: The southeast corner of the stadium has a 220-foot-long man-made slope that’s always kept snowy, thanks to park district’s snow machine. 425 E. McFetridge Drive (312-235-7000). Dawn-11 p.m.

Swallow Cliff Woods: An infamous spot for suburban thrill-seekers. It’s lit after the sun goes down, so the fun doesn’t need to end early. 8am–9pm. Rte 83 and Mannheim Rd, Palos Park (800-870-3666).

Midlothian Park District Sled Hill -Kostner Park (Bellybutton Hill) 150th & Kostner

Blue Island: Memorial Park - 12804 S. Highland Ave. Blue Island, IL Toboggan slide and sledding hill available for winter enjoyment.

Evergreen Park: 50-Acre Park (former Evergreen Country Club) near 91st and California in Evergreen Park

Hickory Hills: Kasey Meadow Park, 8047 W. 91st Pl., Hickory Hills. Sled hill is open until 9 p.m.

Worth: Homerding Park, 116th and Oak Park Avenue, Worth.

Willow Springs: Pioneer Woods, 10218 W. 107th St., Willow Springs. Hill is open until sunset.

For more info **visit the Cook County Forest Preserve website www.fpdcc.com**



FREEze DAY

Sunday, February 9
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
West Mall

FREE ADMISSION DAY!

Enjoy the outdoors, and the indoors, at Brookfield Zoo’s FREEze Day! Bundle up and join the Green Valley Dog Drivers (GVDD) and their four-legged friends as they demonstrate dog-sledding from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the zoo’s West Mall. Members of the Lemont-based dog-sledding organization will engage guests in games and musher talks with their canine teams. The day’s events feature fun for the entire family!

Local artist and photographer, Kathie Rush Shares more of her amazing photos from Crestwood

When we moved to Crestwood 27 years ago, one of the things we liked most about our house on Sandra Lane, was that our backyard backed up to the forest preserve. It was a perfect place to raise our four kids, and over the years we’ve grown accustomed to seeing deer, coyote, and the many bird species that visit our feeders. Until recently we had beautiful, natural gardens, which provided a haven for all types of delightful birds, butterflies and insects. This is where my interest in photography was born.

When I would come across some new creature that I couldn’t identify, I would photograph it and look it up to get more information. I never knew what I would find, and anticipated each new discovery. Since then, I’ve taken thousands of photographs of birds, hawks, owls, and whatever else I’m fortunate enough to come across. In reference to the quote from Eleanora Duse, I encourage everyone to step outside, observe, be aware, wake up your soul! You'll be amazed at what you can find right outside your own back door. I enjoy painting, drawing, and nature photography, and have been working at Tinley Park High School for 9 years as an educational assistant in the Special Ed department.



REMINDER: BUSINESS LICENSE for all Crestwood business were due *1/1/2014*

If you haven't done so please return all necessary
paperwork completed with appropriate fee to the Village
Hall as soon as possible.

**If you have any questions, please call Rita Marker
(708)371-4800**

SUPERINTENDENT COFFEE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Please join Cook County School District 130 Superintendent Raymond Lauk for coffee and conversation on Tuesday, February 11 at the Elks Club, located at 4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood from 9:30 am to 11 am. If you should have any questions, please contact parent liaisons Carol Kusman at 708-259-7389 or via email at ckusman@district130.org or Alejandra Caratachea at 708-259-7794 or email acaratachea@district130.org.

VETERANS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR SET FOR FEBRUARY 8

In support of the American Heart Association’s “Go Red For Women” campaign, Veterans Memorial Middle School’s Student Council is sponsoring a Craft Fair on Saturday, February 8 at the middle school located at 12320 S. Greenwood Avenue in Blue Island from 9 am until 3 pm in the school’s gymnasium. Admission is \$2 per person. Over 20 vendors will be on hand to sell a variety of items. Craft goers are asked to enter through the gym doors along 123rd Street. For additional information, please contact Raeann Zylman at 708-385-6630, ext. 7316 or via email at rzylman@district130.org.

Police Cadet Program

The Crestwood Police Department is looking for people between 14 and 19 years old that would be interested in our Police Cadet Program. The main purpose of the program is to help public safety, We work towards teaching these youths communication, leadership, chain of command and community services. In the past, some of our training has included speakers and trainers from the FBI, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff’s Police, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and many others.

Our goal is to give them as much exposure as possible to a wide variety of people and operations to help them in thinking about good communications and future career possibilities. It is not necessary to specifically want to go into law enforcement. We use this as an opportunity to teach them skills that will hopefully apply to a wide range of careers. If they want to go into law, this will help provide them a start towards understanding what it is all about. Due to the nature of some of the things we deal with, we ask everyone to keep their activities here confidential so that we do not violate anyone's rights. Cadets are required to attend our meeting and trainings. We try and limit them to once a month during school season; however, we usually have additional meetings and trainings in the summer. Cadets also assist the community by providing us with park security, traffic control, and community events both in Crestwood as well as surrounding suburbs.

**Applications are available at the Police
Department Monday – Friday
between 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.**

DISTRICT 130 TO CONDUCT PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Cook County School District 130 will be conducting Preschool Screenings during the week of February 24 for the purpose of identifying children who may be eligible for enrollment in the 2014-2015 Prekindergarten or Early Childhood Programs. Children must be residents of District 130 to participate in screenings. Children will be screened in the areas of language, motor, social, self-help, problem solving skills, and vision and hearing.

Screenings will take place at Horace Mann School located at 2975 W. Broadway in Blue Island. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling Judy Giron or Angie Sexton at 708-489-7446. Parents will be required to show three current proofs of residency and a copy of their child’s birth certificate.

DISTRICT 130 TO HOST PTO ROUND TABLE

Cook County School District 130 will be hosting a PTO Round Table on Thursday, February 13 from 9 am to 11 am at Salem Lutheran Church, 12951 S. Maple Avenue in Blue Island, for the purpose of coordinating various initiatives to help support District 130 students and families. The PTO Round Table will have its final meeting for the year on April 24 (location to be determined). Meetings are open to all District 130 parents, guardians and community members. For additional information, please contact parent liaisons Carol Kusman at **708-259-7389** or email **ckusman@district130.org** or Alejandra Caratachea at **708-259-7794** or email **acaratachea@district130.org**.

Cook County School District 130 serves nearly 4,100 students at thirteen school sites. The district serves portions of the communities of: Alsip, Blue Island, Crestwood and Robbins.

St. Christopher plans \$2 million fund drive

One by one, they walked to the front of the church and placed sheets of paper into large baskets.

On each sheet was a number and their name and the pledges they made Wednesday night for a fundraising drive designed to help St. Christopher School in Midlothian keep its doors open.

Last week, the Archdiocese of Chicago announced plans to close the school and five others, including St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park, because of financial woes and low enrollment as part of a \$10 million cost-cutting program.

At Wednesday’s meeting in the packed church, the faithful learned that they need to make a financial commitment, and a large one, to keep the school open.

After the audience heard from Principal Maureen Wilson and longtime parishioner Nancy Callaghan, finance committee chairman John Clavio spoke of the school’s ideals and long tradition and the devout members of the parish.

Then he dropped the bombshell — asking for a pledge of \$1,000 per family each year for five years. Nobody keeled over in shock or left the church. After a few moments, they began walking forward to the altar. Ideally, 400 families will commit

to \$1,000 year over five years, providing the school with \$2 million, enough of a cushion to keep it open the next eight years.

St. Christopher started with 60 students in 1924. It once had nearly 700. It’s now just below the 225-student cutoff the archdiocese uses when it decides which struggling schools to close.

Some schools have been successful in reversing a closure decision, Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, school superintendent for the archdiocese, said via email. “There is an appeals process, and it is part of the ongoing dialogue. (But schools) must develop a break-even fiscal plan that can be accepted by the archdiocese.”

There was a standing ovation Wednesday night for two nuns who still teach at St. Christopher, but gone are the days where nuns worked practically for nothing. Salary and benefits account for about 70 percent of the school’s operating costs, Callaghan said.

And the archdiocese has been helping the school by providing more than \$1.1 million over the past four years to help pay the bills, she said. Basketball coach Mike Strelczyk said he pledged more than \$1,000 a year. He has three children in the school, and

Winter Wonderland – A Student Perspective on Snow Days By Brooke Zielke

What’s fun and gets students an extra of days off school? Snow days! On January 6th and 7th, students were granted an extra day or two to catch up with their favorite shows on Netflix. Everyone was ecstatic and ready to sleep in on Monday morning.

A snow day is like the last cookie in the jar- sweet and enviable. Not only did everyone get an extra two days to snooze, but they got the chance to go outside and play in the fluffy white snow. Adults usually think “Ugh, I have to drive to work in this?” However, a kid’s reaction is always “Wahoo! Snowball fight!” And that’s exactly it- snowball fights, igloos, and lots of money from shoveling foot-high snow drifts off of your neighbor’s driveway. For the eighth graders, snow days are definitely the best because they don’t have to spend the extra days in school like the sixth and seventh graders. Their graduation date is set in stone- never to be changed. For a kid in school, a snow day is the epitome of all things good, fun, and joyful.

Not only is the extra days off of school beneficial for the kids with not having to do homework and all, it gives students, teachers, and staff an excuse to stay out of the nasty cold weather. After the blizzard in 2010, I think we can all agree that snow days are a sign that says “NO SCHOOL! GO PARTY!” and that’s exactly what all the students did. Everyone can appreciate a couple days off from the hard homework and complicated classwork. I guess on those cold winter days, we were all “walking in a winter wonderland...”

Nathan Hale Students Celebrate Second Quarter Successes with Field Trip By Paige Gilbert

On December 21st, 2014, the students at Nathan Hale Middle School went on a field trip to Markham Roller Rink. The students had fun roller skating with their peers to upbeat music. "We had lots of fun. It was a nice break. I'm glad I went" said one student. The trip was a reward for all students who achieved NHM’s behavior and grade expectations for the second quarter of the school year.

The day started out with the students boarding the buses third period. "The bus ride was fun. I had fun talking to my friends" said another student. The students arrived at the rink and got their roller skates. Most kids skated and practiced skating in a practice room, used for beginners. Everyone was then allowed to go to the cafeteria to enjoy a lunch provided by Markham Roller Rink.

The students skated for a bit longer and then took off their skates to have a dance party in the middle of the rink. Students laughed and danced and had an overall great time. The students would like to thank all the chaperones for taking the time to enjoy the day with the students.



Members of the St. Christopher Church and community attend a meeting to help keep St. Christopher School open at St. Christopher Church on Wednesday in Midlothian. | Gary Middendorf/For Sun-Times Media

his wife teaches preschool there. “We have 217 kids in the school and another 198 in religious education. To see this school shut down and see all those people pull out ...” he said. St. George School in Tinley Park is holding a fundraiser Thursday for St. Christopher. There will be a prayer service at St. Christopher Church at 10 a.m. Saturday.

“The mood is hopeful,” said Midlothian Park District director Evelyn Gleason, a parishioner who attended the school as did her sons. "The community needs this school. Did you know the mayor, four of six trustees, the fire chief, police chief, myself and the village attorney are all alumni of St. Christopher? We produce leaders.”

CATHOLIC VALUES

Catholic Values and the daily examples of our faculty provide powerful models for **Christian Living**. Students pray daily, attend weekly Mass, complete service projects & develop a personal relationship with God.



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Incarnation Parents Club Trivia Night 2014

- WHEN?** Saturday, February 22nd, 7PM. Doors open at 7PM. Games begin at 7:30!
- WHERE?** Incarnation Bernardin Center
5705 W. 127 Street Palos Heights
- COST?** Tables of 10 - \$80 or \$10/person; \$15/person at the door.
- CONTACT?** To reserve tables, fill out and return form below c/o Meaghan Kingzette or call 708-239-0877
- PRIZES?** Cash prize for winning team! Raffles and other activities also!
- EXTRAS?** BYOB ☐ (Alcohol is fine). Bring your own snacks and food! Coffee and sweets provided.

Name: _____

Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____

Seat With: _____

_____ Seat where needed

Amount Included: _____

St. Christopher Prepares to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week.



The last week in January is a very special time for Catholic Schools around the Nation. This is called Catholic Schools Week and it is when the schools celebrate their value of Catholic Education within the school, Parish, and community. This is the 40th Anniversary of Catholic Schools Week and this year’s theme, which will remain in place for the next three years, is “Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.” Each school and Parish will reflect on this theme and how it relates to them, and how the school can better relate to it. This week begins with Sunday Mass and continues all week, full of fun activities throughout the school.

Last year St. Christopher had Grandparents Day, Buddy Reading Day, Teacher Swap Day, and celebrated the 100th Day of School. Many teachers did fun things with the 100th day such as counting 100 feet in the building, teachers forming the desks into the shape of 1-0-0, and writing 100 reasons why students love St. Chris. They also had a school wide competition for the students about why they love St. Chris, students wrote poems, made posters, created comics, and starred in their own music videos about loving the school.

In 2014, the activities just keep getting better! St. Christopher plans on having an all school BINGO day, 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, going bowling, Grandparent’s Day, a History Fair, a Book Fair, and an early dismissal on Teacher Appreciation Day (the students will probably also call this day “Student Appreciation Day” for the early dismissal treat!). This year’s History Fair will include all students grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, and will be based upon Democracy. Each classroom will be actively showing everyone what they’ve learned about their topic. This fair goes beyond posters and shadow boxes. Most classes will put on skits and will have stations with multiple skits and activities happening.

Check next month’s edition of The Adviser for photos from this year’s activities, and happy Catholic Schools Week to all of our neighboring Catholic Schools!



GET UP & GET OUT!!!

Sweetheart Hike at Night

What better way to spend an evening while celebrating love than being outside in nature. Enjoy a winter’s night with your sweet heart! Sweethearts are invited to enjoy the nature center at their leisure. Hike our short trail, roast marshmallows and then warm up inside with chocolate delights! For ages 21 and over. Registration and a \$5.00 fee per person required. **Contact: 708-839-6897**

Date: Friday, February 14th, 2014
When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Where: Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 South 104th Avenue Willow Springs, IL 60480

POLAR ADVENTURE DAYS

Explore Northerly Island and come face-to-face with live animals, engage in winter activities, and create nature-inspired crafts. Dress for the weather as events take place both outdoors and inside the visitor center. Take part in the following activities at Polar Adventure Days:

- Various live animals will be on site to discover, such as birds of prey from Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation and coyotes from Big Run Wolf Ranch.
- Dog sledding demonstrations with huskies of Free Spirit Siberian Rescue.
- Live entertainment from The Dreamtree Shakers from Old Town School of Folk Music.
- Arts and craft tables led by different organizations each month for making nature-inspired creations. February features the National Mexican Museum of Art.
- Toddler zone that features outdoor “ice fishing.”
- REI winter activity station.
- Free snowshoe rental for exploration of the island if there is enough snow.
- Free hot cocoa to the first 500 participants.

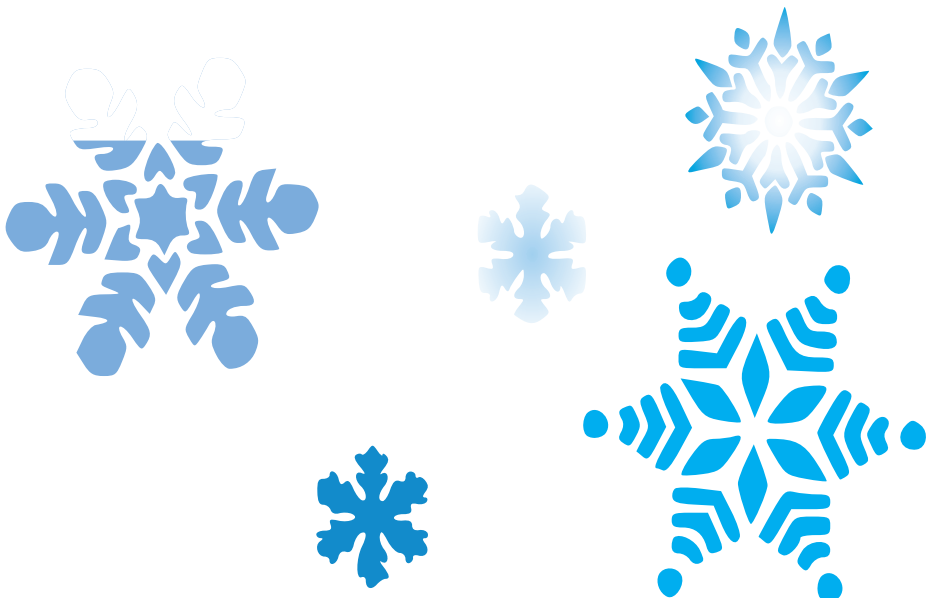
Date: Saturday, February 22nd, 2014
When: Noon to 4pm
Where: Museum Campus
1521 S. Linn White Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Limited parking is available for \$3, cash only, during Polar Adventure Days.

Snow Days Chicago 2014: Free Admission

Snow Sculpting Competitions - 15 Professional teams from the US and around the world including India, Mexico, Ukraine, Argentina, Norway and Czech Republic; 12 high school teams from Chicagoland area schools; Sculptures illuminated by a festive light display every evening; Interactive Snowboarding Experience for kids; Snow Painting; See the Shedd Aquarium’s Magellanic Penguins up-close in the Family Pavilion; Exclusive room rates at InterContinental Chicago and much more!

Date: February 8 – 9
When: Saturday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. & Sunday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Gateway Park, Chicago, IL 60611





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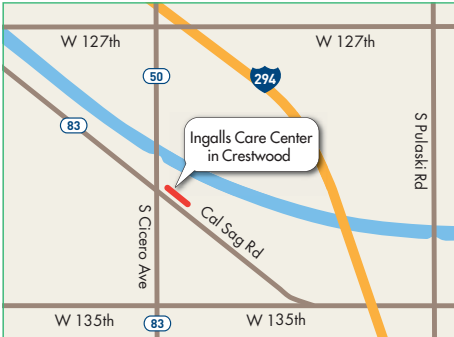
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Location:
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WING STOP GRAND OPENING

Crestwood is proud to welcome Wing Stop. Grand Opening is Tuesday January 28th - 13211 S. Cicero Avenue. They are also looking for local help. Please call 708-385-9464 for more information.

Mayor Lou also mentioned how nice the facility is and that they really went all out making this a wonderful eatery.



FROM FIRE MARSHAL Kevin McAullife



Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

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Feb 22—Mar 29	Saturdays	8:30—9:15 AM	Cost: \$60.00

(wear comfortable clothes and socks)
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BREMEN TOWNSHIP

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Friday February 14, 2014
Friday March 14, 2014
Friday April 11, 2014
Friday May 9, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014

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LOCATION:

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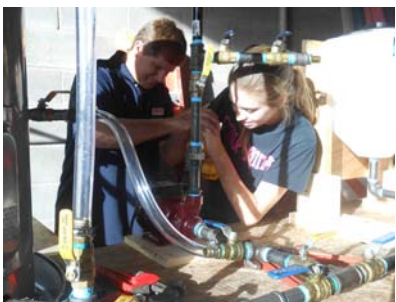


Biodiesel Fuel in Crestwood by Kris Albrecht

Physics students at Shepard High School are creating a biodiesel fuel in the Crestwood public works building, under the supervision of physics teacher Mr. Brian Sievers, who has received over 180 grants to work on similar projects in the past. Alex Covone, a student from Crestwood working on the project, says that “This project will help Crestwood gain a better public reputation and help lower emissions from all their public works vehicles. The biodiesel has zero carbon footprint and is as efficient as regular diesel” and Macryan Caballero, another student from Crestwood, says something similar, “It provides free diesel fuel for the community vehicles...it also gives the village a better image after the water incident.” The zero carbon footprint and low emissions is because the fuel is being created from used cooking oil, which is donated by Beggar’s Pizza, and is currently being refined by the students, as well as because of the 1 kilowatt solar panel the students added to the roof of the building. Aubrey Quick, a junior from Crestwood, says that “It gives people something to be proud of.” Along with being ‘green’ and giving the village a better reputation, the project also has the potential to save Crestwood as much as \$5,000 a year in fuel costs, according to Mr. Sievers.

The project not only benefits the village, but gives the students an incredible opportunity. It allows the students to use knowledge that they’ve gained to build something that benefits one of the communities that Shepard serves. Aubrey Quick said that “This project really broadened my horizons, because I’m not really into science, so it’s really been an awesome experience” and Macryan Cabballero says that “it provides a hands-on experience and shows me a side of science I haven’t seen.” The students are also reaching out to other communities, in particular Worth and Burbank, and school districts throughout the country and internationally to encourage and assist in similar projects. The students all have different and some similar things they believe the project will help them with in future. Alex Covone said that “I believe that it will help me gain admission to a college because this is a college level project. It also helped me learn more about science and how to work well with others in a cooperative environment” and Mark Albrecht says that he thinks that “it will help on college applications and help me when I’m older with doing things around the house.”

The students and Mr. Sievers would like to add that they appreciate the financial support by the board and superintendent given to them for this project. Their support helped tremendously in making this project a reality.



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- Sears and Kmart recall Kenmore Oscillating fans due to fire and burn hazard
- RSI Glacier Bay sold at Home Depot recalls bathroom medicine cabinet due to injury hazard
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Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. We look forward to capturing a more detailed overview for our website in the near future. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned-in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non- Emergency 708-385-5131).

Damage to Property

12-02-2013: Unknown suspects damaged the fence in the 136th block of Keeler.

12-31-2013: Unknown suspects damaged multiple Christmas decorations at a residence in the 131st block of Forestview Lane.

Retail Thefts

12-02-2013: A female was arrested and charged with retail theft and assault for concealing \$29.98 worth of merchandise and threatening the loss prevention officer at Burlington Coat Factory.

12-03-2013: A male was arrested at Wal-Mart for taking \$163.49 worth of merchandise.

12-05-2013: A female was arrested at T.J. Maxx for taking \$287.59 worth of merchandise.

12-14-2013: An employee of Target was arrested and charged with theft for taking 2 I-Pods and a Nintendo game.

12-24-2013: A male was arrested at Menards and charged with retail theft for stealing \$499.02 worth of merchandise.

12-29-2013: A male was arrested at Menards and charged with retail theft for taking \$44.98 worth of merchandise.

12-31-2013: A male was arrested at Ultra Foods for stealing \$476.08 worth of merchandise.

8 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of December.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

12-01-2103: A male was arrested for driving without a

license after being involved in an accident at Kostner/ Midlothian Turnpike.

12-03-2013: A male was arrested at 140th/Cicero for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving without a license.

12-04-2013: A female was arrested at 140th/Cicero for speeding and driving without a license.

12-05-2013: A male was arrested at 135th/Cicero for Failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving without a license.

12-13-2013: A male was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 140th/Kenton.

12-14-2013: A male was arrested at 140th/ Kostner for speeding, disobeying a stop sign and reckless driving.

12-15-2013: A female was arrested at 4800 W 135th street for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and for driving while license suspended.

12-15-2013: A female was arrested at 139th/ Springfield and charged with driving with a suspended license.

12-16-2013: A male was arrested at 4700 W. Cal-Sag Road for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving without a license.

12-16-2013: A male was arrested at 4100 W Midlothian Turnpike for driving while license suspended.

12-20-2013: A male was arrested at 131st/Cicero and charged with driving without a license after being involved in an accident.

12-27-2013: A female was arrested at 4100 W 135th street and charged with expired registration and driving while license suspended.

12-30-2013: A male was arrested at 5559 W 127th for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Burglary/Robbery/Battery

12-05-2013: A burglary was reported in the 127th block of West Playfield. 2 black male suspects entered a residence and removed approximately \$30 in change before being confronted by the resident. The suspects fled on foot and were last seen leaving the area in a red older model mini van being driven by a white male.

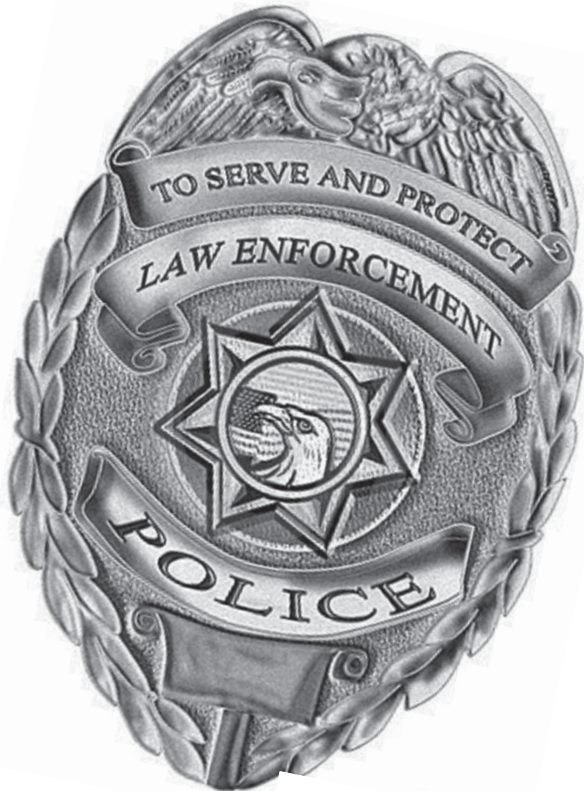
12-05-2013: A burglary was reported in the 131st block of Central. Unknown suspects entered the residence and several items were taken.

Deceptive Practice

12-03-2013: A woman reported that several unauthorized purchases were made using her credit information.

12-05-2013: A female from North Syracuse, New York reported her credit card information was used at Target to make \$2,021.00 worth of purchases.

12-06-2013: A female reported that her credit



information was used to make numerous online transactions.

12-28-2013: A female reported 14 unauthorized transactions to her checking account totaling \$2,409.29.

09-27-2013: A resident reported that upon reviewing his credit card statement, he discovered two transactions for food from Pizza Hut and Marion, Illinois. The victim advised that he did not make these transactions and his account was used without his permission.

Thefts from Vehicle

12-01-2013: Unknown suspects removed a radio from an unlocked vehicle in the parking lot of Burlington Coat Factory.

12-02-2013: Unknown suspects removed the catalytic converter from a Chevy Cavilier in the 134th block of Circle Drive.

12-03-2013: Unknown suspects removed the catalytic converters from 2 Chevy Caviliers in the 5200 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

12-07-2013: Unknown suspects stole a Samsung Galaxy S-4 from the 140th block of Kildare.

12-08-2013: Unknown suspects broke the window and removed a phone from a vehicle in the 140th block of Cicero.

12-21-2013: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle at Xsport and took a wallet and keys.

12-26-2013: A cashier of Walmart was arrested for theft for taking approximately \$800.00.

12-26-2013: Unknown suspects removed the catalytic converter from a Jeep in the 140th block of Kilpatrick.

12-30-2013: Unknown suspects removed 2 tires from a vehicle in the 5200 block of 131st street.

12-30-2013: Unknown suspects removed a drivers license and an unknown amount of change from a vehicle in the 140th block of Waterbury.

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February Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 5:30-7:30

Valentine's Day Card Class
Make your own personal Valentine's Day cards with Stampin's Up's Debbie Spano. \$4.00 per person.
Monday, February 3, 2014 6:00pm

Dove Chocolate Truffle Class
Are you a chocolate lover?
Sue Roulo shares some fun information about chocolate just in time for the Valentine's Day Weekend! Take home some free samples. Free program.
Saturday Feb. 15, 2014 1:00pm

Free Computer Classes
Need to improve on your computer skills? Work one on one with one of our librarians during a 45 minute session on Fridays.
Available topics include:
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Please call for dates and times.

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Crestwood Library now offers Wireless printing! Visit our website for more information!

www.crestwoodlibrary.org

Has your family added their name to our book shelves?

If not, what a great way to support our library! Books on our Library Mural are available to purchase starting at \$25.00.

All proceeds go to support the library general fund and are a great way to commemorate any event happening in your home!

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

Register Now for a Free Community Education Class - on March 1.

Sertoma Centre’s Community Education Department provides free mental health education and prevention programming to community members and professionals.

Matteson – Sertoma Centre, Inc. Mental Health First Aid Training is scheduled for Saturday March 1, 2014 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm at Sertoma Centre (Mental Health Services) 4331 W. Lincoln Highway – Suite A in Matteson, IL.

"Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders." - MHFA USA.

Sertoma Centre’s Community Education Department provides free mental health education and prevention programming to community members and professionals. Trainings have been provided to high school students, college students, residence life staff of colleges/universities, university police officers, church congregations/staff, and the staff of social service agencies. Sertoma Centre is committed to educating the community about mental illness and

reducing the stigma that often surrounds such topics. Thanks to a grant, these educational opportunities are available at no cost to you or your organization

Registration is easy; just go to <http://March1MHFA.eventbrite.com> or contact Derek Harris via email (dharris@sertomacentre.org) or phone (708-748-1951 x419). CEUs are available. Inquire in advance for more information. To learn more about Sertoma Centre, please visit www.sertomacentre.org.



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We all know how to fall in love. But what’s the secret to staying in love?

“If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn’t change anything,” says Diane Jarek about her 53 year marriage to her spouse Richard Jarek.

Spending some time with this lively couple, anyone can see that their marriage has stood the test of time due to their mutual respect, admiration, and love for one another. And then there’s the playful banter between the two that seems to keep their spark alive.

“I signed a contract for better or for worse, still waiting on the better,” jokes Rich as his eyes twinkle in mischief.

“Just wait until tonight,” Diane snaps back with a smile.

Diane and Rich have been residents of Crestwood for over 26 years and met back in the late fifties. While driving down 76th and Ashland on his way to the stock car races, Rich spotted Diane walking with her friends. He pulled over his Black 88 Oldsmobile and tried to get her to come with to the races. Diane smiled and politely refused. That was when he noticed that she had the whitest smile he had ever seen and made sure as a gentleman to compliment her.

“At the time, my mom worked for Pepsodent, so I told him she owned it!” Diane fondly recalls.

Diane graduated high school and attended St. Xavier for a few years. It wasn’t until that point when the couple actually went on their first date. And despite her mother waiting at the back door with a belt in case he brought her back late, they continued their romance.

Rich was in the service and was on Active Duty for much of their courtship. Diane was working at a Medicine & Surgery Clinic. Early one morning, Diane came to his house and slept on his mother’s couch waiting for him to return for the holidays. That was when Rich surprised her by waking her up on his bended knee with a ring. They were married the following year at the VFW hall

on 51st and Ashland with seven people standing up, a great band and all the trimmings.



Throughout their 53 years together as husband and wife, they have accomplished many wonderful things together. Together they raised three children: John, Theresa Ann and Timothy. They also have six wonderful grandchildren.

“I still don’t think he has ever changed a diaper,” reminisces Diane.

“She took care of the children, lots of stuff so that I could provide all the things for our family,” explains Rich.

The couple has been through it all. Rich had owned and managed a gas station, while Diane raised the kids. Rich was also a Lieutenant with the Worth Fire Department for some time.

Later on in their marriage, Rich decided to get Diane her own business. After starting with mail order catalogs, Rich and Diane soon had three gift shops called ‘Diane’s Discounts’. Diane also worked as a certified childcare professional in her later years.

The couple still keeps rather busy running errands together, attending the Biela Center, traveling and spending time with their kids and grandkids. And Rich says that Diane has one heck of a Honey-Do list that keeps him occupied.

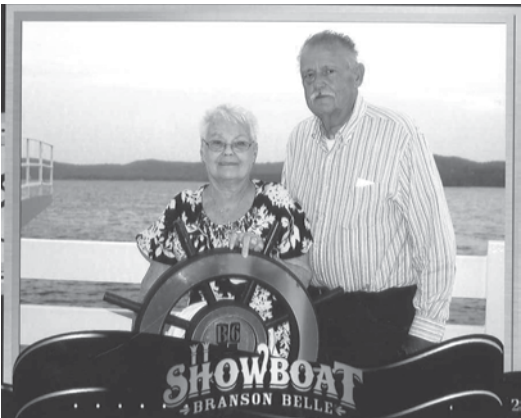
So, what’s their secret?

“I finish your sentences,” jokes Diane, and Rich nods and smiles at his lovely wife.

As Diane and Rich spent time recalling their shared past, it’s obvious how they worked as a team to make their marriage run smoothly for all these years. They took the time to get to know each other and plan their lives together.

“Kids nowadays are very different,” both Rich and Diane agree.

What we can learn is to respect the one we marry, spend our lives working together and not against each other, and get to know everything about one another. We can take a page out of their book and slow down and enjoy each other. It’s plain to see that Diane and Rich have done exactly that and have lived happily ever after.



Enjoy the humor of the 1955's Valentine article "How to Be a Good Wife"

Now before Man of the house lays this at your dinner table, please note, this has been circulating the internet for years. Times have changed, and hopefully the humor in it remains. This was recently used as a best-man speech at a wedding, imagine the gasps from the guests and the urgency for women to exit. Enjoy the humor in the ever-changing times.

- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they get home and the prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.
- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people.
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.
- Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives. Run a dustcloth over the tables.
- During the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering to his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- Minimize all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Encourage the children to be quiet.

- Be happy to see him.
- Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first - remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he's late for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through at work.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or lie him down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgment or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the house and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him.
- A good wife always knows her place.



NEED A RIDE, DIAL A RIDE!

Need A Ride, Dial A Ride! There is no need to be shut in on these winter days looking at the same four walls when you can take advantage of the pace Dial A Ride system which Crestwood has enjoyed for many years. The bus will take you anywhere within the corporate limits of the Village of Crestwood. The vehicle is wheelchair accessible so nothing will prevent you from taking care of personal business or socializing with friends. You will be picked up at your home and if that is your return destination, you will be delivered there accordingly. Dial A Ride is in service Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is easy to set up an appointment to take you where you want to go. Simply call the village hall at 708-371-4800 the day you would like to go and indicate the time you need to be picked up and the approximate time that you will be returning. The Village will do its best to accommodate your time schedule, keeping in mind that many people avail themselves of this service. You will travel in comfort as the bus is heated in the winter and air conditioned in the summer. You will have the opportunity to make many new acquaintances when you socialize with fellow passengers. Now you know how it works so take advantage of the service. When you need a ride, Dial A Ride. The cost of this service is \$2.00 for Adults, \$1.00 for Students and Senior Citizens 65 and older are FREE! This fee is per trip.

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Rivercrest Shopping Center/Wal-Mart/Menards
Morning Pick Up: 10:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. Return At: 1:10 P.M.
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Registering to vote allows you to participate in the electoral process and gives you the power to make a difference in deciding who will serve in an elected office. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in any election.

Illinois voters do not need to register by political party or declare a political party membership or preference. However, voters may select a specific political party’s ballot at their polling place when voting in a primary election.

To register for the Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Election, you must register at the Village Clerk’s Office before voter registration is closed.

Cook County closes registration 28 days before the election.
Register By Mail
You can complete a mail-in voter application form and return it to the Cook County Clerk’s office.

First-time voters who register by mail no longer have to vote in person the first time they vote. They can either vote in person or vote absentee by mail.

- When submitting a voter registration application:**
- 1. Fill out the entire application;
 - 2. Sign the application; and
 - 3. Mail the completed, signed application up to 28 days before an election

Below you will find a listing of our current Polling Places.

- POLLING PLACES | Worth Township**
- (42) 5757 W. 127th St., Bernardin Center
 - (50) 135th & Long, Nathan Hale Primary
 - (23) 135th & Long, Nathan Hale Primary
 - (79) 5757 W. 127th St., Bernardin Center Bremen Township
 - (13) 14025 Kostner Ave., Civic Center
 - (16) 5202 Midlothian Turnpike, Condo Clubhouse
 - (50) 14025 S. Kostner Ave., Civic Center
 - (68) 13755 S. Lamon Ave., ESDA Building
 - (60) 5202 Midlothian Turnpike, Condo Clubhouse
 - (11) 14025 Kostner Ave., Civic Center
- Precinct # 102** renumbered now #60
- Precinct #81** now with #68
- Precinct # 136** renumbered now #23
- Precinct #144** now with #23
- Precinct # 150** renumbered now #79
- Precinct #98** now with #50
- Precinct #89** now #11

ELECTION INFORMATION	
Telephone	312.603.0906
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6. Police Clerk	\$32,500.00
7. Hearing Officer	\$14,000.00
8. Ammunition	\$10,000.00
9. Animal Control	\$400.00
10. Installment payments on squad cars	\$1,000.00
11. Education, training and seminars	\$25,000.00
12. Equipment purchases and maintenance	\$35,000.00
13. Gasoline and Oil	\$130,000.00
14. Contingencies	\$100,000.00
15. Publications and dues	\$1,000.00
16. Lock-up service	\$1,000.00
17. Supplies and Stationary	\$15,000.00
18. Telephone/internet	\$6,000.00
19. Uniforms	\$16,000.00
20. Vehicle purchase	\$55,000.00
21. Vehicle maintenance	\$45,000.00
22. Physicals	\$2,000.00
23. Board of Fire and Police Commissioners	\$500.00
24. 911 Expense	\$300,000.00
25. Southwest Metro Law Enforcement Group participation	\$500.00
Total:	\$1,917,500.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of the Police Department from non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$1,617,500.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of the Police Department as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$300,000.00
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C. Legal and Litigation	APPROPRIATED
1. Legal services of Village Attorney	\$32,400.00
2. Litigation fees and expenses	\$1,000,000.00
3. Village prosecutor fees	\$5,400.00
4. Litigation	\$10,000.00
Total:	\$1,047,800.00

Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of the Police Department as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$1,047,800.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the forgoing expenses of legal and Litigation as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$NONE
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D. Senior Center, Buildings & grounds	APPROPRIATED
1. Custodians – Civic Center	\$8,700.00
2. Custodians – Municipal buildings & Sr Citizens Center	\$1,300.00
3. Tree and lawn care maintenance	\$75,000.00
4. Janitorial Supplies	\$2,500.00
5. Contingency	\$50,000.00
6. Installment payment on police building	\$85,500.00
7. Repairs and Maintenance of building	\$100,000.00
8. Utilities	\$10,000.00
9. Telephone	\$2,500.00
10. Codification – building code books	\$2,500.00
11. fencing – parks	\$35,000.00
Total:	\$372,550.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of Municipal Buildings and Grounds from non-general corporate tax income of the Village.

Total:	\$222,550.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the forgoing expenses of Municipal Buildings and Grounds as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$150,000.00
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E. Health, safety and inspections	APPROPRIATED
8. Utilities	\$10,000.00
1. Compensation of building commissioner	\$14,400.00
2. Compensation of code enforcement officer	\$46,000.00
3. Expense of health inspector	\$1,000.00
4. Expense of Electrical inspector	\$1,000.00
5. Expense of plumbing inspector	\$1,000.00
6. Ordinance and permit inspections – compensation and reimbursement of inspectors	\$2,000.00
Total:	\$65,400.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of the Health and Safety Department from non-general corporate tax income of the village

Total:	\$65,400.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of the Health and Safety Department as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$ NONE
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F. Public Transportation Authority	APPROPRIATED
1. Salary of Operator	\$27,500.00
2. Salary of Dispatcher	\$25,500.00
3. Salary of maintenance man	\$3,000.00
4. Administrative expense	\$500.00
5. Contingencies	\$7,000.00
6. Equipment Repair and Maintenance	\$1,000.00
7. Payroll tax & health insurance	\$15,000.00
8. Fuels and lubricants	\$8,000.00
9. Parts and Tires	\$1,000.00
10. Physicals	\$400.00
11. Radio equipment repairs and maintenance	\$200.00
12. Uniforms	\$500.00
13. Utilites and telephone	\$1,500.00
Total:	\$91,100.00

Appropriated for the foregoing public transportation expense from the non-general income tax of the Village, including fares and grants from the Regional Transportation Authority

Total:	\$91,100.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of Public Transportation as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law.

Total:	\$NONE
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G. Insurance, excluding liability and workman's compensation	
1. Officials’ and depository bond premiums	\$0.00
2. Employees’ hospitalization insurance premiums	\$260,000.00
3. Casualty, fire extended coverage	\$120,000.00
Total:	\$380,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing insurance expenses, excluding liability and workman’s compensation, from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$1,047,800.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of Municipal Buildings and Grounds as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$NONE
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H. Standard Bank Field	
1. Utilities	\$50,000.00
2. Repairs and Maintenance	\$88,000.00
Total:	\$138,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of Municipal Buildings and Grounds from non-general corporate tax income of the Village.

Total:	\$120,000.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of Municipal Buildings and Grounds as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$NONE
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I. Operation and maintenance of water department	
1. water purchases	\$1,900,000.00
2. Salary of collector	\$45,000.000
3. Salary of water department clerk	\$32,500.00
4. Salary of department3 supervisor	\$65,000.00
5. Salary of village Services Director, portion attributable to water administration (Balance of \$79,500 in General fund)	\$5,000.00
6. Audit Fees	\$1,000.00
7. Computer Services	\$6,000.00
8. Engineering Fees	\$15,000.00
9. Gasoline and motor oil	\$10,000.00
10. Insurance (casualty, workman's comp and liability)	\$6,000.00
11. Insurance (hospitalization)	\$12,000.00
12. Legal services of village attorney	\$1,000.00
13. Maintenance of water tanks	\$320,000.00
14. Meter purchases and repairs	\$15,000.00
15. Meter readers	\$4,000.00
16. Contingencies	\$135,000.00
17. Office supplies and printing	\$10,000.00
18. Operation and Maintenance of system	\$100,000.00
19. Operational supplies	\$7,000.00
20. Payroll Taxes	\$12,000.00
21. Postage	\$8,000.00
22. Radio read meters	\$65,000.00
23. Telephone	\$6,000.00
24. Travel, training and membership fees	\$1,500.00
25. Truck and equipment repairs/rental	\$3,500.00
26. Uniforms	\$1,500.00
27. Utilities	\$32,000.00
28. Improvement and additions to water & sewer	\$1,000.00
29. Equipment purchases	\$1,000.00
30. Water leak testing	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$2,836,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of the Water Department from the revenue of the Water Department, including water sales, fees and receipts

Total:	\$2,836,000.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of the foregoing expenses of the Water Department as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$NONE
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J. Volunteer part-time fire safety and rescue unit	
1. Compensation of the members of the Crestwood Volunteer part-time fire Safety and Rescue Unit	\$800,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing expenses of the Crestwood Volunteer Part-time Fire Safety and Rescue Unit from the non-general corporate income tax income of the Village

Total:	\$800,000.00
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Levied from the tax for General Corporate purposes for the foregoing expenses of Volunteer Part-time Fire and Safety Rescue Unit as provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-7 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$NONE
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K. Fire Protection	APPROPRIATED
1. Compensation of fire chef	\$35,000.00
2 Equipment purchases and maintenance	\$50,000.00
3. Gasoline and Oil	\$22,000.00
4. Installment payments on fire car	\$10,000.00
5. Installment payments on fire trucks	\$65,500.00
6. Publication and dues	\$5,000.00
7. Operational supplies	\$8,000.00
8. Telephone	\$3,000.00
9. Training	\$6,000.00
10. Uniforms and supplies	\$15,000.00

II. FROM SPECIAL TAX LEVIES (CONTINUED)	
K. Fire Protection	APPROPRIATE
1. Compensation of fire chef	\$35,000.00
2 Equipment purchases and maintenance	\$50,000.00
3. Gasoline and Oil	\$22,000.00
4. Installment payments on fire car	\$10,000.00
5. Installment payments on fire trucks	\$65,500.00
6. Publication and dues	\$5,000.00
7. Operational supplies	\$8,000.00
8. Telephone	\$3,000.00
9. Training	\$6,000.00
10. Uniforms and supplies	\$15,000.00
11. Contingencies	\$75,000.00
13. Convention & Health fair registration and expense	\$8,000.00
Total:	\$302,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing fire protection services from the non-special tax income of the Village, including the corporate personal property replacement tax, as provided by law

Total:	\$187,000.00
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Levied for the foregoing fire protection services expenses from a special tax as provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-7-1 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$119,000.00
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L. Liability Insurance	APPROPRIATED
1. Liability Insurance	\$119,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing liability insurance expenses from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village.

Total:	\$81,600.00
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Levied for the foregoing liability insurance expenses from a special tax as provided in 745 ILCS 10/9-107 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$81,600.00
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M. Workman’s Compensation Insurance	
1. Workman’s compensation insurance	\$160,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing workman’s compensation insurance expenses from the non-special tax and non-general

Total:	\$130,00.00
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N. Part-time school crossing guards	
1. Salaries of part-time school crossing guards	\$14,500.00

Appropriated for the foregoing part-time school crossing guards expenses from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$6,500.00
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Levied for the foregoing part-time school crossing guards expenses from a Special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-80-23 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$8,000.00
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O. Audit	APPROPRIATED
1. Audit of Village’s Books, except for Water Fund	\$22,500.00

Appropriated for the foregoing auditing expense purposes from non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$12,500.00
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Levied for the foregoing audit of the Village’s books and records from a special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-8-8 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$10,000.00
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P. Street and Bridge Department	APPROPRIATED
1. Labor	\$350,000.00
2. Installment payments on dump trucks	\$45,000.00
3. Installment payments on street sweeper	\$25,000.00
4. Equipment Purchases	\$105,000.00
5. Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	\$50,000.00
6. Gasoline and Oil	\$55,000.00
7. Contingencies	\$90,000.00
8. Street repairs and maintenance	\$25,000.00
9 Street signs	\$2,000.00
10. Supplies	\$25,000.00
11. Uniforms	\$6,000.00
12. Physicals	\$500.00
13. Telephone	\$3,500.00
14. Board of Local Improvements	\$100.00
15. Engineering	\$2,500.00
Total:	\$784,600.00

Appropriated for the foregoing street and bridge expenses from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$664,600.00
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Appropriated for the foregoing street and bridge expenses from a special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-81-1 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$120,000.00
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Q. Street Lighting	
1. Street light maintenance	\$30,000.00
2. Electrical Service	\$80,000.00

Appropriated for the foregoing street lighting expenses from the non-general corporate tax income of the Village

Total:	\$55,000.00
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Levied for the foregoing street lighting expenses from a special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-80-5 in addition to all other taxes provided by law

Total:	\$55,000.00
R. Garbage Collection and Disposal	APPROPRIATED
1. Garbage collection and disposal	\$680,000.00
Appropriated for the foregoing garbage collection and disposal expense from the non-general corporate tax income of the Village	
Total:	\$415,000.00
Levied for the foregoing garbage collection and disposal expense from the special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-19-4 in addition to all other taxes provided by law	
Total:	\$265,000.00
S. Police Pension Fund	APPROPRIATED
1. Actuary/Accounting/Legal	\$1,100.00
2. Pensions	\$87,550.00
3. Distributions to former participants	\$30,500.00
4. State Filing Fee	\$50.00
Total:	\$119,200.00
Appropriated for the foregoing police pensions expense from non-general corporate tax income of the Village	
Total:	\$44,200.00
Levied for the foregoing police pension expense from the special tax provided in 40 ILCS 5/3-125 in addition to all other taxes provided by law	
Total:	\$75,000.00
T. Emergency Service and Disaster Agenc	APPROPRIATED
1. Compensation of coordinator	\$3,600.00
2. Compensation of Secretary	\$3,300.00
3. Equipment purchase and maintenance	\$5,000.00
4.Supplies	\$2,000.00
5. Telephone	\$2,000.00
6. Training	\$2,000.00
7. Uniforms	\$500.00
Appropriated for the foregoing emergency services and disaster agency expenses from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village, including federal funds that may be available on specific items	
Total:	\$8,400.00
Levied for the foregoing emergency services and disaster agency express from the special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/8-3-16 in addition to all other taxes by law	
Total:	\$ 10,000.00
U. Social Security	
1. Village portion of Federal Old Age and Survivors insurance and Medicare taxes	\$210,000.00
Appropriated for the forgoing social security tax expense from the non-special tax and non-general corporate tax income of the Village	
Total:	\$103,000.00
Levied for the foregoing social security tax expense from the special tax	

provided in 40 ILCS 5/21-110 in addition to all other taxes provided by law	
Total:	\$107,000.00
V. Unemployment Insurance	APPROPRIATED
1. Village portion of unemployment compensation insurance	\$48,000.00
Appropriated for the foregoing unemployment insurance tax expense from the non-special tax non-general corporate tax income of the Village	
Total:	\$33,000.00
Levied for the foregoing unemployment insurance tax expense from the special tax provided in 745 ILCS 10/9-107 in addition all other taxes provided by law	
Total:	\$15,000.00
W. Recreation	APPROPRIATED
From the proceeds of a special tax, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-95-7 as authorized by a referendum held August 20, 1977, approving a levy for said tax at a rate not to exceed .09% of the value of all taxable property within the Village of Crestwood, as equalized.	
Biela Center	
1. Salary of Secretaries	\$46,500.00
2. Instructors' contractual fees	\$3,500.00
3. Contingencies	\$2,000.00
4. Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
5. Program Supplies	\$40,000.00
6. Telephone	\$2,000.00
7. Trip Transportation	\$22,000.00
8. Utilities	\$7,000.00
Total:	\$126,500.00
Wellness Center	
1. Salary of recreation director	\$59,160.00
2. Salary of manager/ coordinator	\$31,000.00
3. Salary of maintenance man	\$44,000.00
4. Salaries of part-time personnel	\$66,000.00
5. Contract Labor	\$130,000.00
6. Advertising and promotion	\$500.00
7. Athletic equipment and repairs	\$10,000.00
8. Building and pool maintenance	\$10,000.00
9. Contingencies	\$32,000.00
10. Insurance – Hospitalization	\$30,000.00
11. Janitorial Supplies	\$12,500.00
12. Office equipment	\$2,000.00
13. Office supplies	\$2,000.00
14. Payroll Taxes	\$16,500.00
15. Pool supplies	\$10,000.00
16. Postage	\$100.00
17. Program supplies	\$15,000.00
18. Telephone	\$5,500.00
19. Refreshments	\$5,000.00
20. Physicals	\$100.00
21. Utilities	\$120,00.00
22. Trip Transportation	\$440.00
23. Locker room renovation	\$65,000.00

24. Bank/ credit card charges	\$10,000.00
Parks	
1. Compensation of commissioners	\$1,800.00
2. Compensation of parks patrol officers	\$46,000.00
3. Contingencies	\$26,000.00
4. Park Maintenance	\$30,000.00
5. Playgrounds equipment purchase and repair	\$60,000.00
	\$163,800.00
Total:	\$968,100.00
Appropriated for the foregoing recreation expenses from non-general tax income, but including program receipts and contributions	
Total:	\$778,100.00
Levied for the foregoing recreation expenses from the special tax provided in 65 ILCS 5/11-95-7, as authorized by a referendum held August 20, 19977 and all other taxes provided by law.	
Total:	\$190,00.00

SUMMARY	
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A-J. Appropriated from proceeds of the general corporate tax	
Appropriated from special tax levies:	
K. Fire Protection	\$115,000.00
L. Liability Insurance	\$37,400.00
M. Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$30,000.00
N. Part-time School Crossing Guards	\$8,000.00
O. Audit	\$10,000.00
P. Street and Bridge Department	\$120,000.00
Q. Street Lighting	\$55,000.00
R. Garbage Collection and Disposal	\$265,000.00
S. Police Pension	\$75,000.00
T. Emergency Services and Disaster Agency	\$10,000.00
U. Social Security	\$107,000.00
V. Unemployment Insurance	\$15,000.00
W. Recreation System	\$190,000.00
Total Special Levies	\$1,037,400.00
Total Levies	\$1,662,400.00

It is estimated that corporate personal property replacement funds to be received during the subject fiscal year of this ordinance and available for appropriation in this ordinance, and in this fiscal year's levy are \$35,000.00. These funds have been appropriated, as heretofore stated, in this ordinance for the purpose designated, "General Administration", pages one and two, as more fully itemed therein

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Crestwood, County of Cook, State of Illinois, this 21st day of November 2013

STATE FIRE MARSHAL WARNS THE PUBLIC TO BEWARE OF FIRE DANGER FROM ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES

The Office of The Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is raising awareness about winter fire risks, especially with the use of space heaters and fireplaces as alternative sources to heat homes. Nearly half of all home heating related fires occur between the months of December and February, according to the National Fire Safety Association.

“This is very dangerous time for fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. During this rough winter it is imperative to remind the public of the proper use of space heaters and other ways to stay warm,” said State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis. “Although space heaters provide heating, they could also bring major safety concerns if adequate safety precautions are not followed.”

In Illinois in 2012, 67 home fires were caused by alternative heaters and 67 other fires were linked to chimneys and fireplaces. The OSFM recommends giving heating equipment three feet of space between the device and anything that can burn, including people. It is also important to make sure there is adequate overhead clearance for space heaters.

The OSFM also reminds residents about the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning caused by many furnaces, fireplaces and kerosene space heaters. It is important to keep all systems and fireplaces well maintained and clean. If a kerosene space heater is used, make sure it is vented to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. The Illinois Carbon Monoxide Detector Act (430 IL CS135) requires that every dwelling unit shall be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Every structure that contains more than one dwelling unit shall contain at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Working smoke alarms must be placed at a maximum of 15 feet from sleeping quarters, at least one on each level (including basements).

Remember the following regarding when using space heaters/fireplaces:

- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as furniture, bedding, paper or other flammable items.

- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters. Pets should also be kept away from them.

- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

- When using electric space heaters, make sure they are UL rated.

- Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet, not to extension cords.

- If kerosene space heaters are used, look for UL rated labels. Make sure the heater is vented to avoid carbon monoxide problems.

- Turn off space heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.

- Wood burning fireplaces should only be used by adults.

- Wood burning fireplaces should always be kept clean to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke inhalation.

- Light the fireplace using a utility lighter or long match.

These are reminders, we have done this before. Be smart and fire safe. For more information on fire safety please visit OSFM website www.sfm.illinois.gov or www.nfpa.org/safetytips.



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New Church Coming to Palos Heights

Palos Heights, IL - A new church community is coming to Palos Heights, as Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) launches weekly services here this month. The new church’s mission? To be a church family filled with God’s grace and serving its neighborhood. Crestwood resident Brian Dennert, the site pastor for Trinity Palos, observes that the church is decidedly inclusive – “Our church is Presbyterian by name,” he notes, “but we come from a wide variety of backgrounds and all are welcome!”

Over the past six months, a passionate launch team has met regularly in preparation for the start of Trinity Palos in February. Many of the members of this team are residents of the Southwest suburbs who have been attending Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hinsdale. Kelly Jo Beezhold, a member of Trinity from Palos Heights, says of the Hinsdale community, “People are genuinely interested in how you are doing. Through times of hardship, we have gotten so many cards, phone calls, and letters.” Her husband Steve adds, “The outpouring of love and support was really helpful. It made it so much easier to get through the hard times.” “The spirit of genuine community is exactly what I was looking for in a church,” notes member Bob Payne, who serves as the principal at Chicago Christian High School in Palos Heights. Trinity Presbyterian hopes to extend this caring community to Crestwood, Palos Heights, and the surrounding communities with its new congregation.

Pastor Dennert says he’s grateful for churches already serving the area and hopes to work with them in proclaiming the good news of Christ while meeting real needs in the community and around the world. In fact, students from Nathan Hale School participated in an offering to help support Operation Blessing - a food pantry located in Alsip. In supporting with an orphanage in Cavaillon, Haiti, he notes that members of Trinity Palos are already active in showing the love of Christ in tangible ways. “And” he says, “I only expect that activity to grow!”


Starting February 9th, services at Trinity Palos are at 5 pm, and meet at 12642 S. Massasoit Ave in Palos Heights (Faith Church of Palos Heights), which is just west of 127th and Central. More information on Trinity is available at the church website (www.TrinityPresChurch.com), or by contacting the church at (708) 762-9303 or bdennert@trinitypreschurch.com. Trinity is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the second largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States, and holds to a distinctly Reformed or traditional understanding of the scriptures.



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Did you know?

31% of adults ages 25-54 say credit card debt keeps them from reaching their financial goals.



Money, July 2013

INSIDE

- 5 Ways You Could be Hurting Your Finances
- Considering a Cash-Only Lifestyle?
- Put the Brakes on Car Insurance Costs

BUSINESS Highlight

Start Saving!

Are you lying awake at night, worrying about money? If so, you’re not alone: 85% of respondents in a recent survey say they are losing sleep because of money fears.¹ Instead of worrying, take these steps to protect your financial future!

Start now.

Every month or year that goes by without saving, your chances of becoming financially secure decrease. Time and compounding interest are your two best allies when it comes to growing money, so try not to waste them. Even if you’re in debt, you’re not making much money or you have a lot of expenses, you can still save something — even if it’s a small amount.

Label your accounts.

What do you want to save for? An emergency fund? A vacation next summer? People who label their savings accounts with specific goals put away 31% more than those who don’t.² Also, try using a picture as a reminder of what (or who) you are saving for.

Build your saving muscle over time.


Saving gets easier as time goes by. Think of it as a muscle you have to work out and build with time and practice. You can gradually increase the amount you save over time. The important thing is that you stop worrying — and get started!


Put savings on autopilot.

Do you routinely spend everything you bring in? Then develop the saving habit slowly by arranging for an automatic transfer or direct

1^{*}Learn to Stop Worrying — And Start Saving.” Finance.Yahoo.com, August 2, 2013

2^{*}Money, July 2012





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The Roe Family has been a long time residents of Crestwood. We have dedicated our life to helping others reach their goals and dreams. While we empower others with knowledge we also give them guidance on how to create a financial plan and see it through! We would be honored to serve you. Feel free to contact us to setup a time for a FREE consultation. We will be hosting a FREE Financial Wellness Workshop at our Crestwood office in February. Please contact us for details.

THANK YOU FROM THE VILLAGE

We wanted to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all that made this years’ food drive a big success. With the help of many donors, we were able to help 24 families enjoy a delicious Holiday meal along with filling up a cabinet or two with non-perishable goods. Several businesses including Seneca Petroleum Company, Clover Leaf Farms, County Packaging Inc. and Ultra Foods generously donated as well as many who gave cash donations. Darline Brefczynski, Dan Pachura & Nancy Hagstrom, Vince & LeAnn Brandys, Michael & Cat Brandys, Diancha Brandys, Tim & Linda Novak, James Fisher, Dan & Diane Taczky and Mari D. DaBaco - your donations were greatly appreciated and help in covering the costs of the hams and all the fresh groceries. There were many people in the Village that gave a generous amount of non-perishable products that made the needy baskets plentiful. As a community you should be proud of your efforts. We will continue to strive each year to help as many families as possible.



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." - John Bunyan.



PANTRY EXPRESS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Pantry Express is under new management. Jillian and James invite you to come visit us. Our mission is to provide friendly service and to offer good quality products as well as great ideas on how we can give back to the community.

A cozy store that's designed for your needs. We are here to serve the entire purchasing population of this area to purchase items including gourmet coffee, newspapers, soft drinks, fruit juices, sport drinks, snacks, a limited number of grocery items such as canned soups, condiments, bread, auto products such as fuel additives and cleaning supplies, pet supplies, etc. Lotto will be back on soon, just waiting for final clearance from Illinois Lottery. We would like to be the preferred convenience store for the community. Please make sure to stop by and support your local business and extend a warm Crestwood welcome! Keep your eyes open for many new things to come.

Pantry Express is located at 5419 W 135th St. at the corner of 135th St. and Long Ave. Hours of operation: Mon - Fri 6am to 10pm; Sat 7am to 10pm; Sun 7am to 9pm Phone: (708)-385-1266



WORTH TOWNSHIP RENTALS

Facilities Available to Worth Township Non-profit groups and orgnizations (non-profit) hourly rental rates for township rooms.

New Gym: Resident* \$ 40.00 | Non-Resident \$55.00
Old Gym: Resident* \$ 30.00 | Non-Resident \$ 45.00

* Resident rate applied when 70% of the participants live within Worth

CRESTWOOD OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Crestwood Available now 2200 sq.ft. to 4500 sq.ft. Offices and warehouses with overhead doors and recessed dock. 18 ft. ceiling in warehouses. Near 137th and Cicero. Near I-294, I-80, I-57

Call: JolarEnterprise
708-301-8545, Mon.-Fri., 8AM to 5PM

CREST — Home — FURNITURE

Crest Furniture established in 1990 is located at 4601 W. 138th Street in Crestwood, Illinois and is owned by three brothers: Allan, Kevin and Mike Betley. The brothers have always prided themselves on providing their customers with quality name brand furniture at a discounted pricing giving their customers the lowest price possible. Crest furniture provides its customers with a warehouse type atmosphere jam packed with name brand quality furniture such as:



and many more.

Customers can purchase anything on the floor, in stock and take it home that same day. They can also place a special order by making a selection from a wide variety of fabrics and leathers. Additionally, Crest Furniture also carries closeouts.

The business has survived through both good and bad economic times and throughout has always put the customer's needs first. We as a country have been enduring some very difficult economic times which has affected each and every one of us. Crest furniture is committed to maintaining the same quality and customer service as it has always been and wanted to let you know how much we appreciate your business.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you soon.

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Bedroom Sets & Dining Rooms

CREST FURNITURE

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4601 W. 138th Street, Crestwood, IL

(1Block East of Cicero) 708-597-6767

Hours: Tues & Thurs 10:30 – 7:30

Wed, Fri and Saturday 10:30 to 5:00

www.crestfurniture.com

Fun & Entertainment

*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

Garage Sales
Lost and Found
Large Appliances
Automobiles
Motorcycles
Boats and Trailers

NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES

can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

Garage Sales
Appliance and Electronics Sales
Transportation (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles)
Homes for Sale or Rent
Apartments for Sale or Rent
Employment Openings
Jobs Wanted

To place your classified ad
call 708-293-1430

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

American Girl Julie and Thumbelina Special Edition - Both New in boxes \$90.00 each. Call Marilyn at 708-285-1646 after 5pm.

ACROSS

- 1 Mom
- 5 Sacred song
- 10 Rowers needs
- 14 Eager
- 15 Canons
- 16 Capital of Western Samoa
- 17 Chinese chime
- 18 Great ape
- 19 Suggest
- 20 Shy person
- 22 Whining
- 23 Bullfight cheer
- 24 Paddle
- 26 She
- 27 Tax agency
- 30 Let fall
- 33 Body of water
- 35 Prejudice
- 37 Shine
- 42 Yucky
- 43 Wing
- 44 Beech

- 45 Blackthorn
- 49 Austin novel
- 50 Cation
- 51 Deed
- 53 Sky
- 54 Loose gown worn at mass
- 57 Radioactivity unit
- 59 Old-fashioned Dads
- 61 Chili con ____
- 63 Sewing decorations
- 69 Triad
- 70 Afford
- 71 Goad
- 72 Kitchen appliance
- 73 Rock and Roll "King"
- 74 Land mass
- 75 Raw
- 76 Swarms

- 77 Plant fiber used in ropes

DOWN

- 1 Wise Man
- 2 Competition at the Greek games
- 3 Montana (abbr.)
- 4 Aggressive feelings
- 5 Folk wisdom
- 6 Certain
- 7 Winged
- 8 Musical "slow"
- 9 Chinese seasoning
- 10 Tropical island
- 11 Imitative
- 12 Gargle
- 13 Forest god
- 21 Not young
- 22 Gall
- 25 Fire remains

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without repeating any.

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January Sudoku Solution

1	2	7	3	6	9	5	4	8
9	4	6	2	8	5	7	1	3
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8	9	5	4	3	1	6	7	2
3	6	4	9	2	7	8	5	1
2	7	1	8	5	6	3	9	4
7	3	2	5	1	8	4	6	9
4	5	8	6	9	2	1	3	7
6	1	9	7	4	3	2	8	5

January Crossword Solution

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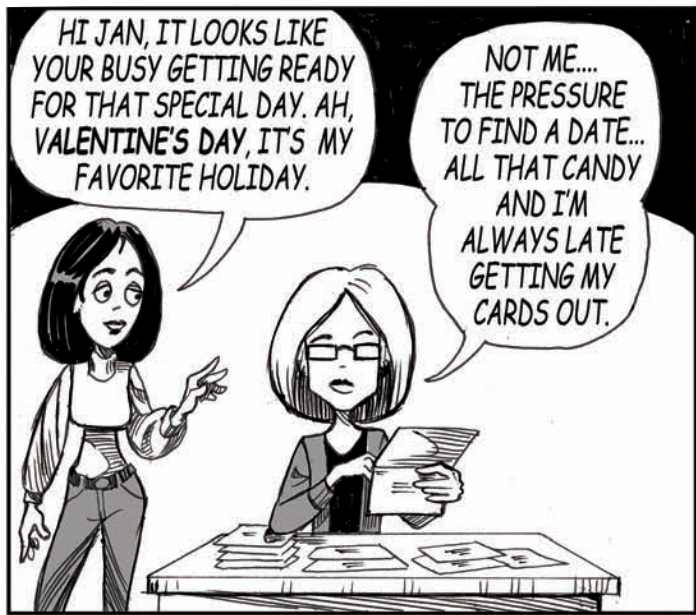
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75						76					77			

- 21 Not young
- 22 Gall
- 25 Fire remains
- 27 Wading bird
- 28 Plush
- 29 Rice wine
- 31 Spoken
- 32 Seasoned rice
- 34 Parlay
- 36 Monetary unit
- 38 Measuring instrument
- 39 Writer Bombeck
- 40 Very large truck
- 41 Cook quickly
- 46 Folk story

- 47 Vane direction
- 48 Unfortunate
- 52 Thai
- 54 Mummer
- 55 Worm-like stage
- 56 Southern European hea
- 58 Tree
- 60 Young pigeon
- 62 Not any
- 64 Coat
- 65 Prudish
- 66 ____ Major (Big Dipper)
- 67 Aegis
- 68 Act as usher
- 70 Position

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

94 South by Jim McGreal



Black History Month



Samuel Owens

DID YOU KNOW?? Alan B Shepard 2000 graduate, a Shepard Distinguished Wall of Famer, Sam Owens is a leader breaking ground and setting example. Sam graduated with All-Area Honors on the football field, but his scholastic abilities and passion for equality and human interests outweigh his field time. As a University of Chicago grad, he went on to become an attorney and grow his non for profit organization, Quantum Metric Innovation.

According to a Southtown Star article, Owens' cites Shepard as a "very welcoming and inclusive learning environment". His experiences include his position as consultant for the United States Fullbright program in South Africa and serves on multiple boards including the madison Network of Black Professionals and Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Task Force.

Mr. Owens exemplifies a "be all you can be" mindset and was the Shepard 2013 graduating class guest speaker. His words, eloquent; his life work thus far, extraordinary.



Crestwood Baseball 2014 Registration

Register Online @ www.crestwoodbaseball.com

Registration will close March 1st, 2014

No refunds after March 1st

Register in-person

February 8th , 2014

11:00am—1:00pm

Crestwood Recreation

& Wellness Center

5331 W. 135th Street

Crestwood, IL 60445

Divisions:

Pinto (Coach Pitch) 7-8 years old

Mustang 9-10 years old

Bronco 11-12 years old

Pony 13-14 years old

2014 Registration Fees Still Only \$200.00

- 2012 Mustang SWI 2nd Place League
- 2012 Bronco SWI Champions
- 2013 Pinto SWI Champions
- 2013 Bronco SWI 2nd Place League



If you are you interested in Coaching a team, contact the Board Secretary?

Meaghan Kingzette 708-239-0877 info@crestwoodbaseball.com

Girls - Registration for 2014 Season



Girls 7-18

Thursdays February 6th and 13th

From 6:00pm – 7:30pm

The Crestwood

Recreation/Wellness Center

5331 W. 135th Street

(New girls bring copy of birth certificates)

Your League age is your age on **Jan. 1, 2014**

Teams are 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u and 18u

Fee for the Season: \$175

Due at Registration: \$125

(\$25 late fee added after Feb.15th)

Price for 2 Fastpitch children

\$275, \$325 for 3 Fastpitch children.

*There will also be fundraisers
during the season*

Check us out on Facebook at [Crestwood Fastpitch Association](#) (more information call 597-1940 or Bmadr@aol.com)

There will be general indoor practices starting in January
Regular outdoor team practices start in March, weather permitting.
Season runs mid April to mid June

Our teams normally have between 11 and 15 girls on each team. We try to keep former team mates together as they move up in age, and we try to keep friends together, but no laurentees

Our Coaches understand that the players are children that should be taught and encouraged, not singled out and humiliated, that each player is given at least 2 innings in the field and encouraged to try different positions, (length of game & safety could affect both these things).

Coaches are expected to exhibit and encourage good sportsmanship at all times, and to encourage each player to do their best and support their team mates. And, that even though, we are trying to win games, that winning isn't everything. We are teaching girls to play a game and showing them how much fun it is to play.

SPORTS



SHEPARD SWIM TEAM

Swim teams sweep Bremen
Congratulations to Head Coach Tricia Biedron
and the boys swimming teams on their
victory over Bremen.

Each improved to 9-1 on the season against
South Suburban Conference schools. Varsity
won 127-41 and JV won 107-18.

SHEPARD WINTER SPORTS

Boys Bowling-Congratulations to Brandon Dietz
and Eric Walters who advance to Sectionals.
Brandon bowled a prefect match during
Regionals on Saturday, January 18th.

CRESTWOOD T-BALL | Crestwood T-Ball registration for 2014 season



- Where:** Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center 135th and Long across from Nathan Hale
When: Feb 1 thru March 17, 2014
Ages: Boys & Girls 5yrs old by December 31, 2014 through 7yrs old
Cost: \$60 for **resident** | \$70 for **non-residents** (World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser Price includes shirt, hat, pictures, and trophy)
Season: Games are played at Walker Park, 13900 & Laramie, Wednesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 10am
Season runs from April 27 till mid June. Teams are picked and practices start in April

Goal of Crestwood T-Ball: To teach the fundamentals of baseball/softball in a relaxed, friendly environment. To let the players enjoy playing the game and to have fun doing it so that they will want to continue playing for many years. To help prepare the children to associate and play well with others. Games last Approximately 75 minutes normally 3-4 innings. Games are played as normal games. positions are taught We use a cloth ball. Players can hit singles, doubles, triples and even an occasional homer. Base coaches help the child as to how far they can advance depending on how well they hit the ball and how they run. Just as good hitting is rewarded, so is good fielding, players can make outs. Coaches in the field help the players but don't assist in plays. Number of batters per inning is limited. Players hit off a batting T so they can develop and concentrate on a good swing. No Aluminum Bats - the ball reacts too quickly for the young players. More information contact Bill Madlener **(708) 597-1940** Or e-mail **Bmadr@aol.com**

SHEPARD CHEERLEADERS Second at IHSA meet in Springfield; Five named to all-academic team

The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School placed second in the Co-Ed Division this weekend at the IHSA invitational in Springfield.

Alex Joiner and Ashley Buksa were selected to the all-state team. This squad will cheer in June in Peoria for the IHSA ALL STATE boys basketball team.

Buksa placed second among the state scholarship finalists and earned the second highest financial award of \$3,000 to the college of her choice.

Finally, five of the senior cheerleaders were honored as state scholar-athletes. Criteria include a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Students who earned this prestigious honor included Ashley Buksa, Becca Bruesch, Melissa Kelly, Alexandra Joiner and Jackie O'Leary.



Caption for absCheer14springfieldTeam: The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School placed second in the Co-Ed Division last weekend at the IHSA meet in Springfield.

Caption for absCheer14springfieldJoinerBuksa: Shepard High School cheerleaders Alex Joiner (left) and Ashley Buksa earned selection to the all-state team based on their performances at the IHSA meet in Springfield.

Caption for absCheer14springfieldPerform: The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School perform at the IHSA meet in Springfield. The Astros took second in the Co-Ed division.